



# Love Letter

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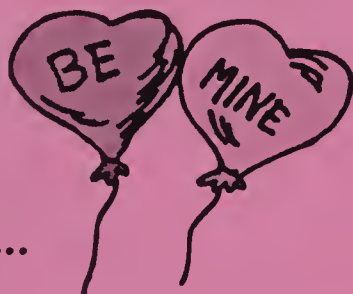
## A Tribute to Lloyd Entenmann

The February issue of the Love letter is dedicated to Mr. Lloyd Entenmann, our immediate Past President. It is only fitting that the Love Token Society membership pay tribute to a person who contributed so much to the well being of the organization. Within the next few pages are various forms of praise solicited from our membership. Certainly, there is no more deserving person than Lloyd. We are sure he will enjoy your responses and we wish him all the luck in the world as he continues to support an organization that means so much to all of us. - Barb and Bob

## Welcome! New Members

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### Tributes to Lloyd...



During the ten or so years that I have known Lloyd Entenmann it has been my pleasure to have been associated with this REAL GENTLEMAN. It is my opinion that in addition to many awards Lloyd has earned, the best attribute he has earned was his many, many, many hours of labor in the production of his book "Love Tokens as Engraved Coins". My best wishes to Lloyd.

- John J. Smies, LTS #630



Hi Lloyd,

I'm sorry we haven't been able to attend shows where you're around. Glenda and I miss seeing you. I wonder where all the collections are today? I can't even find single pieces locally or at the shows. Best wishes for your continued collecting success and for the best of health, too.

- John & Glenda Cheramy

## LTS Financial Statement

### General Funds

Balance November 30, 1998 \$ 6,518.62

### Receipts

Membership Dues	1260.00
New Members	40.00
Commissions (sale of coins)	17.50
Sales of Book	17.00
Donations	58.00
Interest (Bank Account) - December	8.41
January	7.20

Total Receipts 1408.11

Subtotal \$ 7,926.73

### Expenses

Check # 320 - Kinkos- duplication of LTS giftcards	18.03
Check # 321 - ANA- 5 yr. membership dues (Membership #C-72724)	165.00
Check # 322 - Staples- Directory mailing envelopes	14.87
Check # 323 - Kinkos - duplication- LTS #180, LTS stationery, directory	300.19
Check # 324 - U.S. Post Office- LTS #180, directory, invoices postage	158.24
Check #325 - COE Media Center- graphics- LTS #180	194.24
Check #326 - VOID	
Check #327 - U.S. Post Office- postage for dedication letter	198.00

Total Expenses \$1048.57

Balance January 31, 1999 \$ 6,878.16

### Permanent Fund - Audubon Savings & Loan Association

1 year certificate of deposit \$ 655.50

### Membership Report

Membership - November 30, 1998	204
New Members	4
Resigned	1

Membership as of January 31, 1999 207

Barbara Newhouse - Secretary/Treasurer



Just a few words to/about Lloyd:

What a wonderful fellow! I first met Lloyd in 1990 at the FUN Show and immediately liked him. We both had a love for the Love Tokens. Through Lloyd I've become quite active with the Love Token Society. I've enjoyed meeting and talking to Lloyd over the years and have learned a lot from him. Thank you very much Lloyd for being such a wonderful, friendly fellow! I wish Lloyd my very best for better health in the future!

– Dave Jerdee



Lloyd,

I first communicated with you shortly before you wrote your excellent book. You were a great help to me as I started to become serious about Love Tokens. I collect many things and have found there to be one person in each field who seems to be most knowledgeable, most involved and most deeply sincere in helping others. You have been that person in relation to Love Tokens. I join the others in hoping your health improves and that you live out your days in happiness. Respectfully and Best Wishes,

– Rick Apgar, LTS #663



Dear Lloyd-

My very best wishes for improved health and renewed vigor for 1999. God blesses those who give their love to others.

– Charles D. Horning, LTS #917



Dear Mr. Entenmann,

I will forever be grateful that you identified a coin I found while metal detecting as a "Love Token" and included it in your book which I have. It is pictured by drawing on page 187 Item #311 and described starting at the bottom of page 188.

I submitted a crude drawing which you read as "Dell Loves Chunte". It actually reads "Dell Loves Chunky". Never mind. I have had hours of fun showing your book to friends, the countless "Love Tokens" and showing my "Love Token" and comparing it to what you described and explaining how the difference came about.

Thanks Mr. Entenmann.

– Joe Lipsius, LTS #699



## ***Tributes to Lloyd***

To Lloyd:

For all that you've done over the many years for the Love Token Society... We can't thank you enough for your dedication, unselfishness and tenacity to keep the Society going. We hope you enjoy this (Love) Token of our high esteem.

Fondly, Members of the LTS



## ***Love Token Montage***

Lloyd:

Best wishes for 1999 and looking forward to 2000. See you at a coin show, Lord willing.

– Bill Lonergan, LTS #876



As an early member of LTS it is a privilege for me to extend my thanks for the great service Lloyd has bestowed on the Society. Lloyd, bless you, and wishing a great year for you! Regards,

– Dr. R.A. Hiett, LTS #26

Gosh I hate to remember how many years I have known Lloyd. Without his leadership and zeal, we would not have survived those early years of the 80's.

Lloyd has always put so much more into the Love Token Society than any other individual I know in all the related numismatic societies. Perhaps one of his most memorable achievements was the great book he put together on Love Tokens. Not only did he devote time and effort, but financially he sacrificed a considerable sum of money to promote the avocation of Love Tokens.

To me Lloyd Entenmann will always be MR. LOVE TOKEN, as he is a non-replaceable Leader in our fond avocation of Love Tokens.

I pray and wish him many years of good health in the future. You are missed Lloyd more than mere words can express.

– Sincerely, Tony Vigliotta



Dear Lloyd,

Just a note of thanks for all you have done for LTS. The society is doing fine because of your effort and dedication. But more importantly, thanks for writing the "bible" on love tokens. I just completed a new love token exhibit for the Central States show in Milwaukee and your book is listed in the bibliography. There is no place else where all this information could be found. Thanks again.

– Tom Casper, LTS #191



Dear Lloyd,

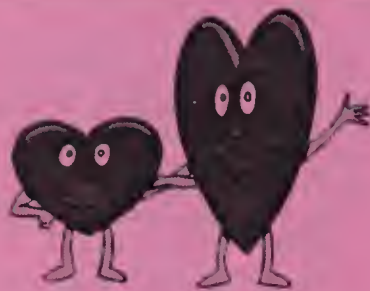
Of our meeting some years ago somewhere in Kent, England, I have only forgotten the precise date and place. What I shall never forget is the enthusiasm with which you spoke about collecting love tokens and the obvious knowledge you displayed. You were then in the process of collecting information for your book and I understand that in this respect your visit to England was very successful. This book is now an important item of my small numismatic library! I was very pleased to discover that you were able to use some of my own tokens as illustrations. I was much less pleased to hear that over the past few years your health has caused you trouble. So I am glad that I have been given the opportunity to wish you well and that you will be able to enjoy the "tokens you love" for many years to come! Kind regards,

– Paul Harthoorn, Amsterdam, LTS #624



I want to add something to the salute to Lloyd Entenmann. Unfortunately, I have never had the pleasure of meeting him, but we did chat on the telephone a couple of times. I recall a funny incident that happened between us. I've been a collector of Valentines for years, and some of the wonderful romantic gifts of affection are called "love tokens". When an article appeared in Victoria magazine about my collection, entitled "Tokens of Love", I included information about coin "love tokens" and the Love Token Society. Apparently several interested readers contacted him and he forwarded their mail on to me... wondering what in the devil they were talking about! We spoke on the phone and he was charming- and delighted to learn about the additional usage of his terminology! Thank you for personally introducing me to the Love Token Society- your book will always be in my library, and you will always affectionately be in my heart.

- Nancy Rosin



## Tributes to Lloyd

Dear Lloyd,

We've not met face to face, but have talked by phone and corresponded. This is just a brief THANKS for all that you've done to help me and to promote our hobby. Best of luck in the future. You're in our prayers.

- Ernie Turnes, LTS #886



Lloyd,

When tokens we see, remember we thee.

- James Sparks, LTS #888

### "Blaming It All on Lloyd"

*When my hubby gave me an altered coin,  
I said what have you been smokin'.  
But he said its expensive, its a genuine love token.  
I said someone carved their initials  
All over this tarnished thing.  
He said they call that toning, and a fortune it will bring.  
He said back in '98, that's 1898, you see,  
Men gave these to women, a pledge of their fidelity.  
I said this is 1999. Give me a diamond ring.  
He said I tell you in his book, Lloyd says this is king.  
I said I'll crown you, your majesty, and one for Floyd, too.  
He said that's Lloyd, and I tell you, he the token guru.*

*Well, Lloyd, I hope you're happy now.  
My finger goes unstoned,  
and I'm wearing a dime, drilled and engraved,  
Discolored, worn, and preowned.*

- David Fadness (written by his wife)



Thanks for sparking so much interest of this great hobby into old timers and newcomers alike, and for keeping the fire burning. Sincerely,

- Jeff Dunifer, LTS #725



Thanks, Lloyd, for all you have done for the Love Token Society. The LTS would never be what it is today had it not been for your efforts. Best wishes,

- Mel and LaVerne Dieterich, LTS #582

Lloyd,

I would like to thank you for sharing your love, interest and knowledge of LOVE TOKENS with me. I have learned a lot about the origin and meaning of these special tokens from reading the newsletter. I enjoy looking at my small collection, and marvel at the time and talent it took to make each beautiful piece. Thank you again.

- Pat Hammond, LTS #72

Dear Lloyd,

You probably don't remember the first time we met, but I'll never forget it! It was at the ANA Convention in Pittsburgh in 1989. I took my son John to his first National Show with every intention of spending the week in the hotel reading a book. The first day of the show I decided I needed to see where John would spend the week and I was curious just what it was that had him so mesmerized.

Lloyd, you were the first person I met. You were at your usual spot behind the Love Token booth- and extended an invitation to me to sit for awhile and talk. I had never seen or heard of a Love Token- and you patiently showed them to me and explained all about them. I was fascinated!- and spent well over an hour bent over your collection. You can't imagine my son's delight when I told him I had joined the Love Token Society! You were also the first person to tell me about Hobo Nickels. (I'm now an officer in the Original Hobo Nickel Society and past editor of the club's journal BoTales). Your extended hand of friendship, easy smile and unlimited knowledge of a specialty area that you obviously love was my first hands-on introduction to organized numismatics. Thank you!

- Gail Baker Kraljevich



Lloyd,

As always, my best wishes to you. I may not have said it right out, but I've always looked on you as a flame at the heart of the LTS. While you were active as President, your enthusiasm and energy were always apparent. You gave me a great deal of support and encouragement when I was working as Director of the Canadian chapter, for which I'll always be grateful! I think that we've met only once, but it was memorable. You attended the 1991 Canadian Numismatic Association annual convention. I was hosting a meeting for the LTS at the convention. It was one of our best meetings, with Don Bunjevac giving a great presentation as our guest speaker, and you chatting about your experiences in writing your Guide to Love Tokens. Afterward, you, Don and I went out for lunch at the Fireplace Restaurant for Szechuan food. I remember great food and good conversation for a few hours. Not a bad way to pass the afternoon! Sending you my warmest Valentine wishes all the way from T.O.!

- Nancy Hall-Chapman, LTS #392





I knew Lloyd only by reputation. Bought his book, enjoyed it, and still refer to it. He is obviously an asset to LTS. He is indeed a gentleman to be admired. Sincerely,  
 - H.R. Snyder, LTS #223



I remember well the LTS meeting at the ANA Convention in Baltimore in 1985... none of the then-current officers were willing to stand for re-election, no new volunteers were forthcoming from the general membership, and there was a good chance that the Society would have to dissolve. Lloyd volunteered to be President "for a year or two" in order to give the Society time to reorganize and fill in its officer ranks, and ended up spending more than a dozen years in that capacity. He worked through some trying times with a non-functioning Secretary-Treasurer, finally roping one of his non-collecting buddies in for a few years to help out, and left the organization in an oh-so-much better position than when he inherited it. The survival of the Society during that chaotic period is almost 100% due to Lloyd's per-severance and dedication, and the Society owes him an overwhelming debt of gratitude for his efforts.

- Ken Barr, LTS #404

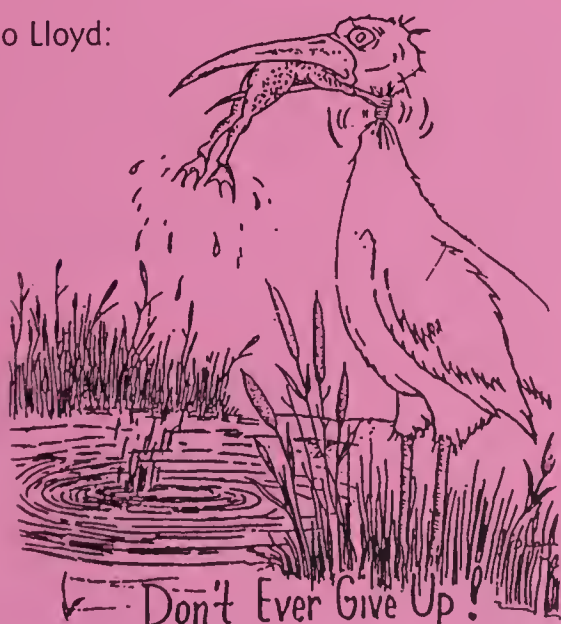


Lloyd, you have been the driving force behind our society for as long as I can remember, and this tribute is well deserved- it has been a wonderful hobby and I love your book about tokens, etc.

- Evalene Pulati, LTS #336



To Lloyd:



- D.V. Eaton, LTS #918



## Tributes to Lloyd

Dear "Little Lloyd",

We certainly had some enjoyable telephone conversations, letters, and cards through the years, even when you accused me of conning you out of some of your best love tokens- the ones that you never planned to sell. Sometimes, begging and dickering do work! My "delightful" personality, as you called it, probably helped. You know that I'll always treasure those tokens (but not as much as I treasure our friendship) because they're gorgeous and meant so much to you.

Fondly,

- "The Mess" in Texas



Lloyd,

Although I've never met you, I know you very well. I've met you in other organizations. You are one of the doers, in any organization, that despite obstacles, critics and setbacks, you keep coming back.

Thank you and my very best.

- Tom Radzavich, LTS #922



Dear Lloyd,

Just a short note to wish you a most delightful Valentine's Day. And this gives me an opportunity to say "Thank You" for writing such a remarkable book, "Love Tokens as Engraved Coins". I think I was one of the first to order the book, way back in '91. The "Book" is a great source of information and enjoyment. When I "Find" a love token, I can't wait to get home to catalog it from the book. I have spent many enjoyable evenings with the book and my vast hoard (all 22 of them) of love tokens (well, maybe a bit more than that).

Remember, Lloyd, it is protocol and always in good taste, to take a sample bite from each chocolate in the box 'til you find your favorite.

- Gene Haifley, LTS #440

Dear Mr. Entenmann,

I would like to take this opportunity to send my best wishes and warmest thanks for your tireless efforts and contributions to the LTS. I have been a member for the past 2 1/2 years and I have enjoyed every newsletter that arrives at my door. I have found the articles on the history of love tokens particularly useful, especially when explaining this hobby to anyone whose interest has been piqued by my display of love tokens in my guest room or at my husband's coin club show.

My collection is neither large nor notable, but there is a set of earrings that comes with a bit of a "war story" that I would like to share with you. A number of years ago my husband found a love token dime at a regular meeting of our local coin club. It had the letters "LR" engraved on it and a fish-hook type ear wire soldered to the back. he purchased it for me, and I was quite please with it even though it seemed a mite forlorn missing its mate. Some time later at another meeting of the same coin club, while glancing through a different dealer's binders, my husband came across a remarkably similar love token dime. Someone had clipped the ear wire off of this one (no doubt because its mate was lost), and when ted brought it home it proved to be the mate to my earring! We have no idea how each one of these earrings came to be in the possession of two different dealers who knew each other, but didn't know they each had a love token to match the other's. These pieces occupy a favored position in my collection because of the small part my husband and I have played in their history. We have reunited two "long-lost" love tokens.

I hope that this anecdote brings you a fraction of the enjoyment that I have received from the Society to which you have given so much. With sincerest thanks,

- Lonny Janssen, LTS #898



Lloyd first opened my eyes to the LTS by signing me up at a NENA meeting approx. three years ago and I feel fortunate in that I was able to meet and talk with him. I have since run an LTS meeting at NENA in 1998 and look forward to doing this again in 1999 and I dedicate my efforts to Lloyd. So I believe I just would like to convey a sincere thanks to Lloyd for ALL he has done for love token collecting by participating as officer, author, and recruiter. May God bless you. Your friend,

- George A. Bilodeau, Jr., LTS #903



Jane Finnell, LTS #2 sends her best wishes to Lloyd via telephone. Jane is an honorary life member of LTS (see photo below of Lloyd awarding this honor to her). Per conversation with Jane, "she thinks so much of Lloyd... and has enjoyed sharing coin show experiences with him, even after she became confined to a wheelchair."

*Talking with Jane is like experiencing a burst of sunshine and fresh air at the same time! She is so upbeat and positive, its fantastically refreshing!*



**Jane Finnell and Lloyd**



## Tributes to Lloyd

I first met Lloyd at the Portland, OR ANA Convention in 1990, which I attended in connection with my 40th anniversary as an ANA member. I visited with Lloyd at the table rented for the LTS, and purchased- I think from his personal collection/duplicates- a nice love token engraved on a Canada quarter, which I still enjoy having.

I also attended the LTS meeting at said convention- I'm afraid my first and only- and have enjoyed Lloyd's book, purchased shortly after its publication. I regret that I have not had an opportunity to get to know Lloyd better; it's always enjoyable to swap stories with fellow collectors. Sincerely,

- Albert Hall, LTS #704

Dear Lloyd,

I have never had the pleasure to meet you but I do appreciate the many years of service that you have given to the Love Token Society. There are many calls on the time of an individual, it is neat that someone would give so much to an organization.

They say you have a terrific sense of humor so I hope the following rendition will not offend you. Rumor has it this may well have happened to someone who belongs to the LTS, but this I cannot prove.

A husband and wife were all snugly in bed. The passion is heating up but the wife stops and says, "I don't feel like it. I just want you to hold me." (This reminds me of going to a coin show and seeing some interesting items you'd like to own but all you can do is hold them.) Back to the story. The husband says, "What," and the wife explains he must not be in tune with the emotional needs of women. The husband realizes that nothing is going to happen, that he may as well deal with it. The next day the husband takes his wife shopping in a department store. He walks around and has her try on three very expensive outfits then tells his wife we'll take all three of them. Then they go over and get matching shoes for the outfits at \$200 per pair. From there they go to the jewelry counter and get a set of diamond earrings. The wife is so excited (she thinks her husband has flipped out but she really doesn't care) she goes for the tennis bracelet and her husband says, "You don't even play tennis but if you like it then let's get it." The wife is jumping up and down, so excited she can't believe what is going on. She says, "Okay, I'm ready now. Let's go to the cash register." The husband says, "No-no-no honey, we're not going to buy all this stuff." The wife's face goes blank. "No, honey, I just wanted you to hold the stuff for awhile." Her face gets really red and she is about to explode and the husband says, "You must not be in tune with my financial needs as a man!"

Again, thanks for all your efforts on the part of the Society and have a wonderful 1999!

- Marvin Bricker, LTS #694



LEAVING US ALL  
WITH AN  
ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE!  
+ ESPECIALLY #829



### A Bouquet to Lloyd Entenmann

To a man who I always enjoyed to hear from-  
To a man who always did more than 100% for LTS-  
To a man who serves as a role model-  
To Lloyd Entenmann- who will always be remembered!

Thank you for your professionalism and care over the years.  
Best personal regards,  
- Gail Brett Levine, LTS #25



To "Mr. Love Token" we both send greetings.  
Always witty and charming at Society meetings.  
Dedicated and devoted, a true gentleman.  
All good wishes to our friend Lloyd Entenmann.  
- Tom and Elaine King, LTS #628



**Carol Harmes and Lloyd**





## Bo's Tales

My thoughts below are dedicated to you Lloyd because I love the Hobo in you!

Your trip to England and wanderings in all forms and sorts of love tokens have produced for us a magnificent journey and grand experience!

God Bless You Lloyd, "Your Love Token Collecting Pal"

- Bob Wester, LTS #453

They say good fortune knocks on the door of an astute collector, yes, knowledge provides opportunity indeed!

While browsing in an antique shop I stumbled across a vest chain. Perhaps 9 out of 10 collectors are not familiar with this item, are you? I finally located an illustration from February 11, 1976 Coin World Clearing House, the annual love token article.

A vest chain always has 2 coins; attached at each end. I have only seen 2 love token vest chains in 35 years of collecting. The coins were engraved with initials.

Please allow me to describe this vest chain which consists of 2 toned AU Standing Liberty Halfs, 1936 is their dates. There is no S or D mint marks and we could possibly assume this vest chain to be East Coast created. The chain is attached to both coins at 12 o'clock. The mountings and name plate were professionally executed without a doubt.

Centered in the chain is the name plate with the lover's names, Bunny and Bo. Its reverse is dated 3-25-37. This is the first vest chain of Hobo Art to surface, hopefully, you will find the next one out there. Are there others?

The "Mast Head" to our companion society's Bulletin is Bo's Tales. Was Bunny one of Bo's old flames? Ask Bill Fivaz, he probably knows. Your masthead, Bo's tales, and my love token knowledge told me I am in possession of a Hobo's love and art crafted vest chain

At any rate the 1930's depression era was a difficult period. There was no chicken in every pot which President Hoover so vehemently proclaimed.

The men did take to the rails, why not, their life couldn't be any worse than it already was in many cases. Others were migrants and a few were just plain bums or bar room loafers.

I believe we are all Hobos at heart and for me, having found this hobo vest chain gives me a greater appreciation of their plight in this life on earth of that bygone era.



## Tributes to Lloyd

3-25-37  
(Rev.)



## Bob Wester's Hobo Vest Chain

BUNNY  
& BO  
(Obv.)



## Lloyd L. Entenmann

It is with very great pleasure that I accept the invitation I have received from Robert and Barbara Newhouse to contribute to Lloyd's LTS dedication issue. I am deeply sorry to hear his health has so deteriorated, but I am sure he has not surrendered to the pressures caused by his infirmities.

Lloyd first contacted me by letter dated 15/11/88 informing me that he had embarked on a project to publish a book concerning Love Tokens, and would appreciate any assistance I could render him. At the time I was Hon. Secretary of the Rye Coin Club.

I was able to put Lloyd in contact with the late Dennis G. Vorley, who possessed probably the largest and best collection of Love Tokens in the U.K. Also I was able to assist Lloyd in approaching the Curator of Kent Public Museum, Maidstone Public Library, and the British Museum for useful information.

On 17th August, 1989 Lloyd arrived at Heathrow Airport; soon afterwards he had interviewed A.H. Baldwin and Sons, London coin dealers; University College, London; the British Museum; and B.A. Teaby Ltd. (famous London coin dealers). Lloyd also received valuable Love Token assistance from Miss Alison Barber, a London barrister.

From 28th to 31st August, Lloyd was based at Folkestone, Kent, cataloguing and photographing the extensive Love Token collection

of Dennis Vorley. he also found time to visit Maidstone Public Museum to inspect the Love Tokens and relevant documents kept there.

Lloyd was our honoured guest from 1st to 4th September. We took him on extensive car trips in East Sussex, visiting famous castles, historic towns, etc. He produced for our inspection some fascinating Love Tokens.

On 6th September Lloyd headed for Hall Museum and from 7th to 11th September was sightseeing in York. He was making research enquiries at the national Museum of Wales, Cardiff, on 12th September; next day he visited the Welsh Folk Museum, Cardiff. On 14th September, 1989, Lloyd interviewed officials at the British Royal Mint, South Wales.

Lloyd left U.K. on 20th September, 1989 from Heathrow Airport. It is noteworthy that Lloyd left two Love Tokens for Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher- a 1925 English threepence engraved M.H.T., and a 1925 Peace Dollar similarly engraved. Margaret was born in 1925. Lloyd was officially thanked for these gifts.

On 15th July, 1991 I received an autographed copy of Lloyd's fascinating book "Love Tokens as Engraved Coins". This I treasure as a memento of Lloyd, and of the very happy times my wife and I had the pleasure of his company. The author has kindly mentioned me in two places in this outstanding book, which deserves a very ready sale.

Lloyd and I have regularly corresponded since 1991.

- Charles Banks, England



# From Your President... Sid Gale

This issue of the Loveletter has been dedicated to honor Lloyd Entenmann for the 10+ years he has served as president of the Love Token Society and to thank him for sharing his wealth of knowledge through his book, "Love Tokens As Engraved Coins". I consider myself very fortunate to have had the experience of assisting Lloyd in the LTS booth at three [3] ANA shows and at five [5] FUN shows in Orlando. I appreciate the time that I was able to spend with him talking and learning about love tokens. I feel I learned a lot from him. Furthermore, I am grateful for the time and effort he spent researching, writing, and publishing his wonderful book so that all of us can better understand and appreciate Love Tokens. It was a gigantic endeavor and he did it well. It was, also, a "labor of love". We all owe him a sincere debt of gratitude. Thank you Lloyd!!!!!!

The FUN show was definitely fun again this year. The LTS met on Friday afternoon and we had a nice crowd. We viewed the ANA slide presentation, looked over the love tokens in the auction, and shared our favorite love tokens with each other. Archie Taylor brought a absolutely beautiful \$20.00 gold piece with a "Tramp Chair" engraved on it. The piece has a very interesting story behind it and I will see if I can get Archie to share it with us through the Loveletter.

All of the Love Tokens in the following five pages are new to all of us. There are more love tokens available to buy in this issue than you can find at most coin shows. Hope everyone finds something that he/she can use. On one page there are 12 bracelets listed - no pictures - due to limited space. Please call if you have any questions.

**LOVE TOKEN MAIL BID SALE CLOSES at 8:00 P.M. [CST] Thursday, February 25, 1999**

## TERMS OF SALE

1. No buyers fee. Seller pays \$.50 per coin sold.
2. Sellers may place a reserve bid.
3. All winning bids over \$15.00 will be reduced to approximately 10% above the second highest bid. No bids under \$15.00 will be reduced.
4. All bids must be received by 8:00 PM CST on the closing date (**Thursday, February 25, 1999**). Phone bids are encouraged, but the only information given will be the second highest bid.
5. Winning bidders will be notified by mail. Buyer must add sufficient postage and insurance with payment.


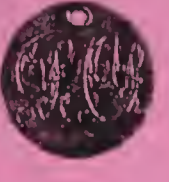

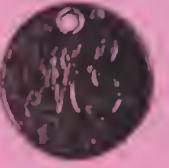
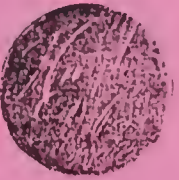








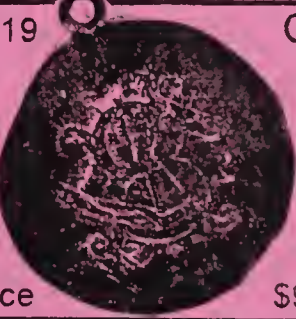










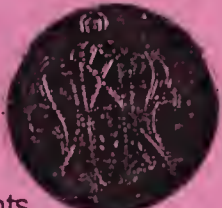





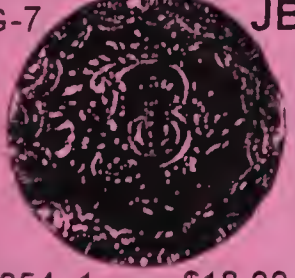
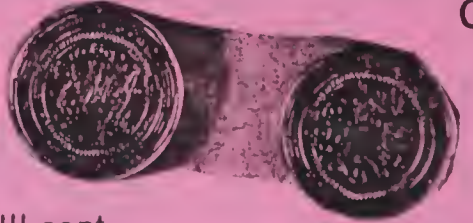
## Abbreviations and Terms Used

Ger. - Germany	intwd - intertwined	// - engraving on both
GB - Great Britain	Cop - copper	sides.
C/S - Counterstamp		<b><u>Engraved Letters Are Underlined</u></b>
Grade - Standard ANA on the coin side.		


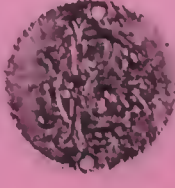
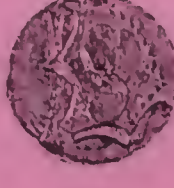
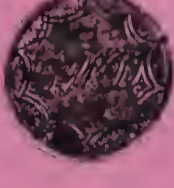
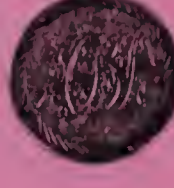

























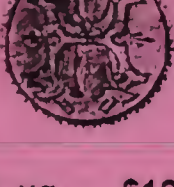




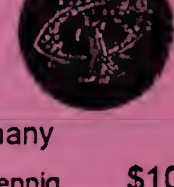
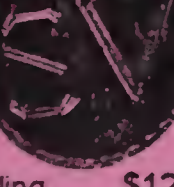

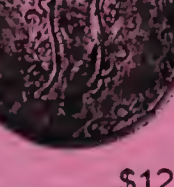


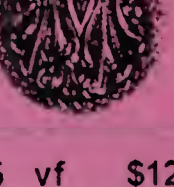
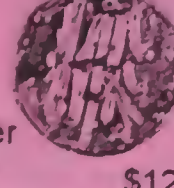
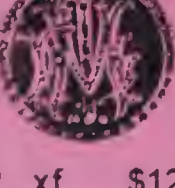
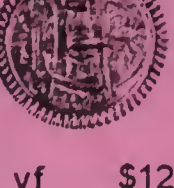


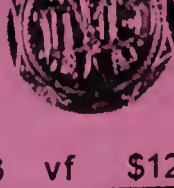
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B-1	\$137.50	B-11	\$27.50	B-21	\$50.00	B-31	\$22.00
B-2	\$125.00	B-12	\$29.00	B-22	\$41.00	B-32	\$11.00
B-3	\$130.00	B-13	\$20.00	B-23	\$33.00	B-33	\$10.00
B-4	\$137.50	B-14	\$330.00	B-24	\$220.00	B-34	\$ 8.00
B-5	\$ 78.00	B-15	\$330.00	B-25	\$27.50	B-35	\$10.00
B-6	\$ 37.00	B-16	\$132.00	B-26	\$18.00	B-36	\$21.00
B-7	\$ 42.00	B-17	\$ 62.00	B-27	\$24.00	B-37	\$23.00
B-8	\$ 27.00	B-18	\$ 95.00	B-28	\$31.00	B-38	\$ 8.00
B-9	\$ 55.00	B-19	\$ 82.00	B-29	\$36.00	B-39	\$236.00
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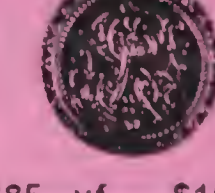


C-1  GB 3P \$8.00	C-2 <b>HGB</b>  GB 3P \$6.00	C-3 <b>PAY</b>  GB 3P \$8.00	C-4 <b>C.M.S To M.A.N</b>  1916 GB 3P \$7.00	C-5 <b>A.I.M.</b>  GB 3P \$6.00	C-6 <b>AH</b>  GB 3P \$6.00
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C-13 <b>Enamelled</b>  GB 6p \$10.00	C-14 <b>AJ</b>  GB 1/2 c elaborate \$12.00	C-15 <b>J I Flower</b>  GB Farthing \$12.00	C-16 <b>Bertha &amp; Fred</b>  Nov 12th 1903 GB 1 Shilling \$15.00	C-17 <b>MISS GOUCH c/s</b>  GB 1862 1/2 penny \$8.00	
C-18 <b>Smalley's Fool / James</b>  c/s GB 1861 \$10.00	C-19 <b>CKB</b>  France \$9.00	Z-1 <b>Heart on Face</b>  1891-O \$1.00 \$20.00	Z-2 <b>Moe Boston c/s</b>  1926 Pea ce \$1.00 \$20.00		
C-20 <b>H.J. B.B. in field</b>  GB 1c \$15.00	Z-3 <b>PMR</b>  50¢ 09 Barber \$18.00				
Z-4 <b>JW</b>  1884 \$8.00	Z-5 <b>EIH</b>  1882 \$8.00	Z-6 <b>PB</b>  1877 \$9.00	Z-7 <b>HF</b>  1883 \$8.00	Z-8 <b>FK</b>  Silver disk \$7.00	Z-9 <b>TFH Leaves</b>  Blank \$8.00
G-1 <b>WH</b>  no cents 1883 5c \$10.00	G-2 <b>JHW</b>  1883 5c \$9.00	G-3 <b>JYC</b>  1861 GB 1/2 c \$10.00	G-4 <b>M</b>  1879 1c \$8.00	G-5 <b>ORC</b>  25c \$10.00	G-6 <b>D</b>  Pin <1853> \$14.00
G-7 <b>JB</b>  1854 1c \$18.00	G-8 <b>10 less than average L.S. 10c love tokens. Normally \$6 - \$7. each.</b> \$50.00	G-9 <b>Flowers and designs</b>  Pin -- broken silver disks larger than 10c \$35.00	G-10 <b>CMJ</b>  Nickle III cent Matched pair of cuff links \$25.00		


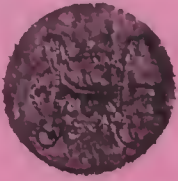
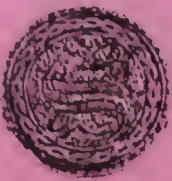
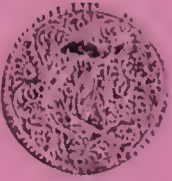



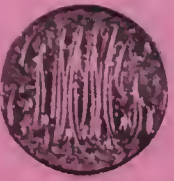







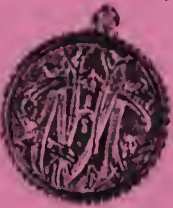
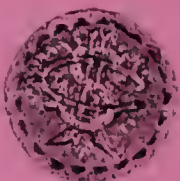






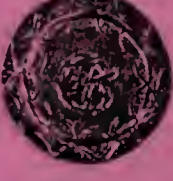






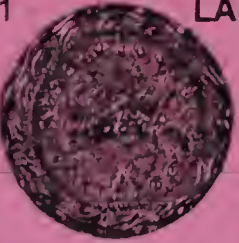
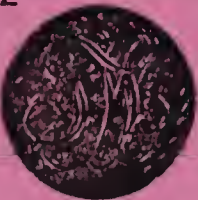
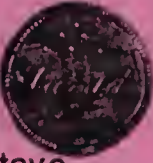
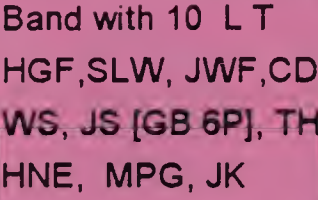
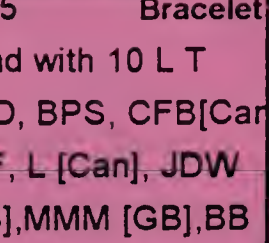
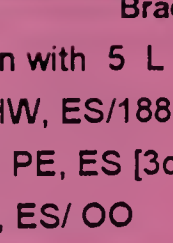





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R-31  25c scratches \$9.00	LAL	R-32  Germany \$9.00	TW	R-33  5 centavo Puerto Ric \$10.00	Harold	R-34  Band with 10 LT HGF,SLW, JWF,CD WS, JS [GB 6P], TH HNE, MPG, JK \$95.00	Bracelet	R-35  Band with 10 LT EHD, BPS, CFB[Car JHF, L [Can], JDW [GB],MMM [GB],BB WRW,WC \$100.00	Bracelet	R-36  Chain with 5 LT DHW, ES/1889,[1/10c], PE, ES [3c silver], ES/ OO \$50.00	Bracelet
R-37 9 LT single links: K, W.F.C.S., OHC, Ann Rosie, Mother, CAC, MO, AE, WHE \$90.00	Bracelet	R-38 8 LT single links: SA GL, Alice, GWW, LM Flower, KY [1/2 10c] SH/1886, KY[1/210c] \$80.00	Bracelet	R-39 Band with 5 LT and a clover shaped charm LF, DGJ / 1890[nice] JL,W.LeB,ETT, ES / ER on clover \$60.00	Bracelet	R-40 Band with 10 LT: AM LM, AWC, EWP, HA DRK, PS, MW, ena melled H [chipped] RHE \$100.00	Bracelet	R-41 Wire Cuff-9 LT: TJ, WMc, GIG, HA LWE, KE, LEG, T, FE \$90.00	Bracelet	R-42 Hinged Wire-10 LT: CW, ARB, HMC, MF [25c], LG, FJ, KM JPG, ACM, QLH \$100.00	Bracelet
R-43 Heavy Chain-6 LT; BTH, LH, FH, FCB WSF, MPB \$60.00	Bracelet	R-44 Double link-6 L T; saftey chain with [Edith Wallace] K, AVW, WFP, grandm RM, LMT \$65.00	Bracelet	R-45 Single link, 6 Canada 5c, 2 U.S. 10c; EMC Lowell Mt., HWC, PJ, MC, GC, JAH, AAE \$70.00	Bracelet	J-62  1858 25c \$12.50	MEH	J-63  1885 \$10.00	WC	J-64  1875 g \$10.00	CWB



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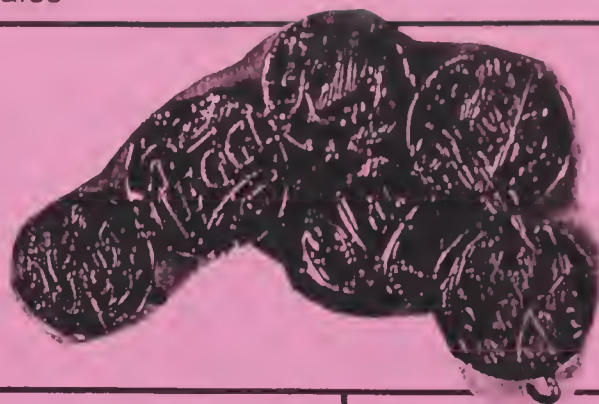
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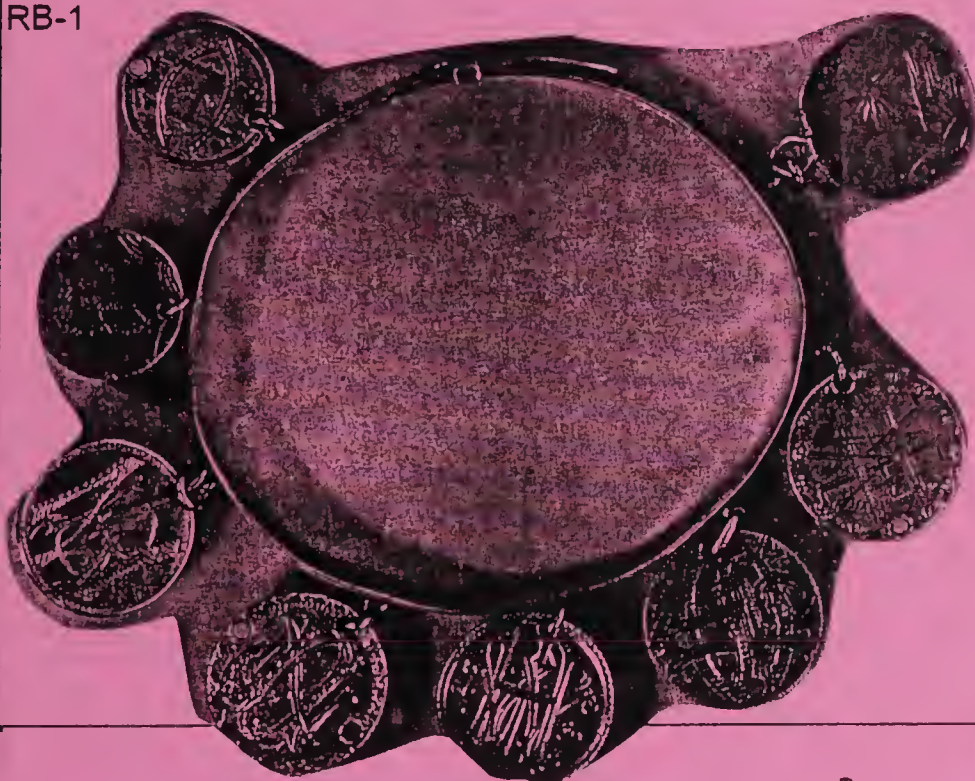
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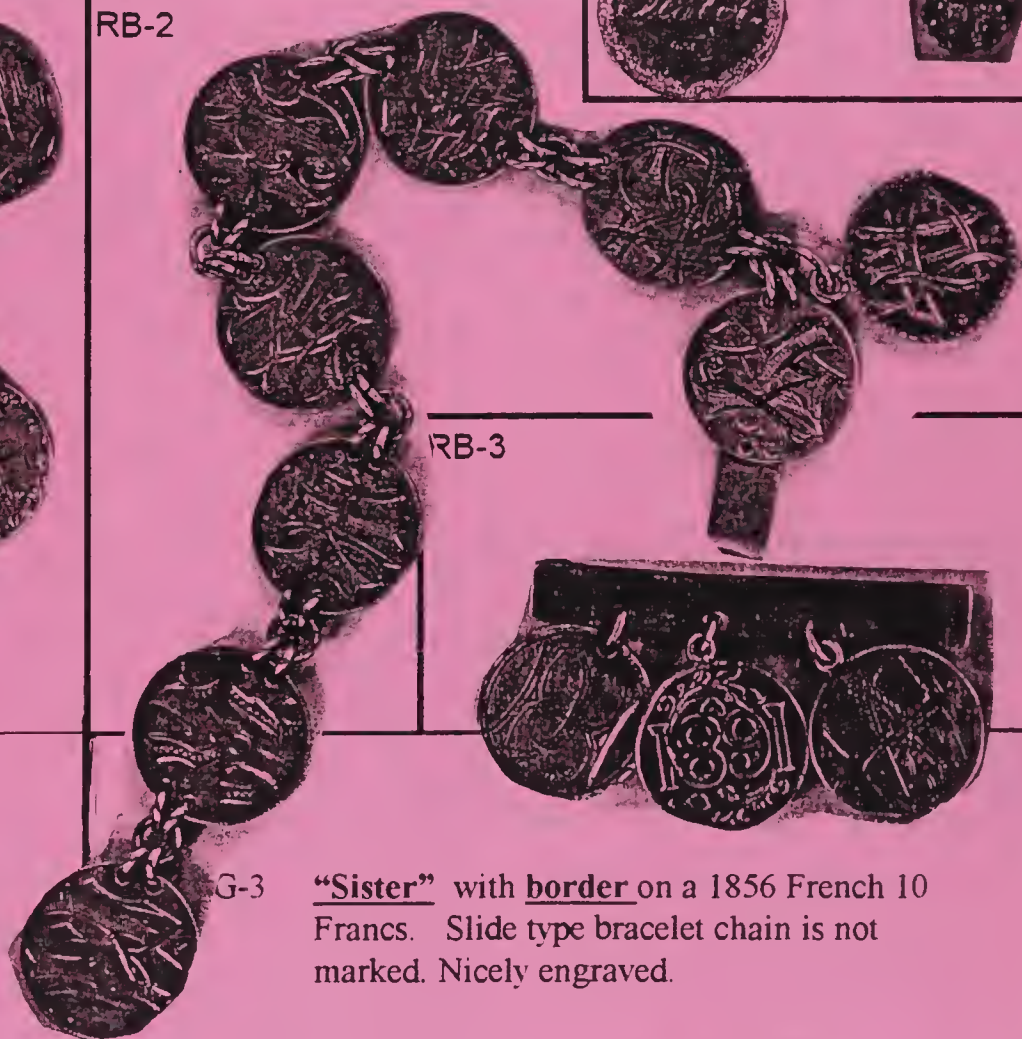
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RB-1



RB-2



RB-3



D-1 "May" on a U.S. gold \$2.50 Liberty. Xf. hole

D-2 "BFBC" 1907 U.S. \$2.50. Gold Solder

D-3 "MES" GB 1/2 Sovereign

D-4 Working Pin - 6 Norwegian Love Tokens / some missing: "Aagot", "Reggi", "Kathy", "Ola", "Young 1903", "Central 19 / 9 / 03".

D-5 "Maple Leaf" with "CANADA" engraved inside on a 1932 Netherlands 2 1/2 Guilder.

G-1 "1873 ~ MARY" on a U.S. 1823 Capped Bust Type Half Dollar. VF

G-2 "MPT" on a f-vf U.S. 1847 Half Dollar

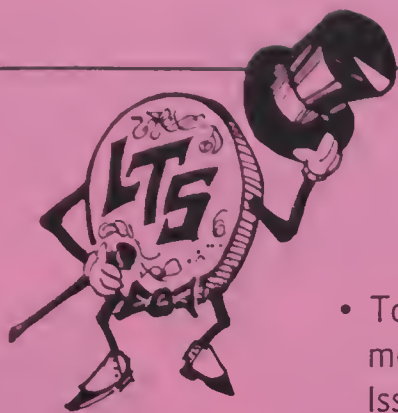
G-3 "Sister" with border on a 1856 French 10 Francs. Slide type bracelet chain is not marked. Nicely engraved.

RB-1 Banded Bracelet with 8 Love Tokens: Pictorial "Beach with Palm Tree", "MKE", "SJA", "LWH", "JJN", "BAM", "B" half dime, "CH" half dime.

RB-2 Linked bracelet with 9 Love Tokens. "AK", "RBC / 1857", "TK", "EK", "LK", "HPM", "HK", "EK", "MK". Love Tokens # 4 and # 8 are identical. Very nice bracelet.

RB-3 Working Pin: "JH", "GLS / 1891", "JAH"





## Tip of the Token

- To **all LTS members** who submitted tributes and messages of thanks to Lloyd for this Valentine's Issue.
- To **Bill Fivaz** for assembling a framed Love Token montage to be presented to Lloyd on behalf of the Society. (see photo on page 3.) This montage has been mailed to Lloyd, who was very touched by this gesture. Members will have an opportunity to purchase copies of this montage (several sizes are available). Details will be available in the April newsletter.
- To **Carol Harmes** for recruiting three new LTS memberships. She received a copy of "Love Tokens as Engraved Coins" as part of our on-going membership drive. Congrats!



## Ordering Love Tokens

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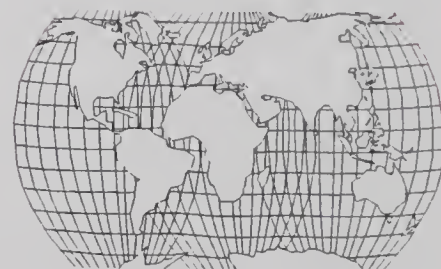
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## Prison Tokens

By Nigel Richardson

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Contributed by Charles Banks, England



### DID YOU KNOW?

An exhibition has opened at the British Museum in London that tells a hitherto untold story of the convicts transported to Australia in the early 19th century. Entitled *Leaden Hearts*, the exhibition features so-called "love tokens"—old pennies sanded smooth and then inscribed and decorated by prisoners awaiting deportation to the other side of the world.

Between the 1780s and 1860s some 160,000 men, women and children were banished to the new colony of Australia, many for crimes that would be called petty these days. While they awaited transportation, they learned to inscribe

old "cartwheel" pennies as keepsakes for those they left behind.

Some 200 of these love tokens survive and have now been gathered together, from private and public collections in Britain and Australia, for the first time. Where possible, the exhibition organisers have researched the background of the convicts who made these unique artifacts.

The resulting stories add a human dimension to the notion of the convicts being hardened criminals. In 1829, for instance, John Harris was given the death penalty for stealing worsted and cotton, a sentence commuted to transportation. His inscription reads: "When

this you se [sic] remember me until I gain my liberty."

### Editor's Note:

More information on *Prisoner's Tokens* can be found in Lloyd Entenmann's book, *"Love Tokens As Engraved Coins"*, pp. 76-81.



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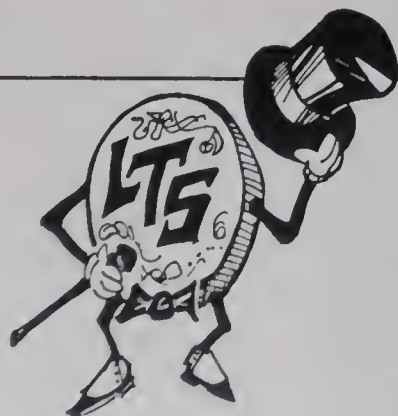
### Penny for their thoughts:

tokens inscribed by prisoners before being deported and (inset) an illustration of convicts en route to Australia



## Welcome New Members!

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- 958 Marina Holden  
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- 959 Martha Eaton  
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## Tip of the Token

• To **Michael Fullen** for recruiting three new members and **D.V. Eaton** for recruiting four new members. Both Michael and D.V. received a copy of "Love Tokens As Engraved Coins" as part of our on-going membership drive. Congrats and thanks!

## Financial Statement

General Funds			
Balance January 31, 1999			\$6,878.16
Receipts			
	Membership dues		140.00
	New members		120.00
	Donations		20.00
	Interest (Bank Account) -	February	6.34
		March	6.16
Total Receipts			292.50
Subtotal			\$1,170.66
Expenses			
	Check #329 - The Canadian Numismatic Assn.		30.00
	Check #330 - COE Media Center		189.64
	(graphics LTS #181)		
	Check #331 - U.S. Post Office (misc. postage)		17.15
	Check #332 - Robert Newhouse		347.57
	(duplication LTS #181 - Kinko's;		
	postage LTS #181 (dedication issue)		
	Check #333 - Staples (labels, envelopes)		33.85
	Check #334 - U.S. Post Office (misc. mailings)		11.89
Total Expenses			\$630.10
Balance March 31, 1999			\$6,540.56
Permanent Fund - Audubon Savings & Loan Association			
	1 year certificate of deposit		\$655.50
Membership Report			
	Membership - January 31, 1999		207
	New members		12
Membership as of March 31, 1999			219

**Barbara Newhouse - Secretary/Treasurer**

## Mail Bid Sales Prices Realized- Last Sale (February/March 1999)

D-1 - \$66	G-2 - \$22
D-2 - \$66	G-3 - \$115
D-3 - \$74	RB-1 - \$120
D-4 - \$33	RB-2 - \$90
D-5 - \$83	RB-3 - \$60
G-1 - \$84	

- Sid Gale



### Letter to the Editor:

I don't know if Sid has been in contact with you on this or not, but at FUN I gave him a framed Love Token montage I assembled a few months ago to present to Lloyd on behalf of the Society. A photo of the montage is printed below.

Sid advised shortly afterward, via e-mail, that several members saw it and wondered if a print of it was available in various enlargement sizes as they were interested in buying one. At his suggestion, I told him I'd be glad to get a photo made and send to you with the prices so you could run it in the next Love Letter in case there was any interest.

Anyone who would like one may send their check to me at:

Bill Fivaz  
P.O. Box 888660  
Dunwoody, GA 30356-0660  
Phone/FAX 770-396-6125  
E-mail: feev@webtv.net

#### Prices are:

Postcards:	\$2.00 ea. (5 for \$7.50)
5" x 7"	\$6.00 ea. (3 for \$15.00)
8" x 10"	\$8.00 ea. (3 for \$20.00)
11" x 14"	\$16.00 ea.
12" x 18"	\$24.00 ea.
16" x 20"	\$30.00 ea.
20" x 30"	\$36.00 ea.

Please add \$1.50 on orders under \$10.00 and \$3.00 on orders over \$10.00.

**I will donate 10% of all proceeds to the Society.** These make a great conversation piece and attractive addition to your den when framed. Hope there are some members who are interested...

Best regards, Bill Fivaz



## Oh No, SLABBED Love Tokens?

By Bob Wester, LTS #453

I thought I'd seen and heard all or most of the Love Token stories like yourselves. That was until recently when I attended a coin show. Would you believe I saw 4 slabbed love tokens- 3 dimes and a quarter! I had trouble seeing straight, if straight is correct.

Bill Bannon of Harmony Exonumia told me he felt they were very unusual. "Why slab a Love Token?" he told me. I agreed.

I have been a collector of many facets of numismatic items for 40 years. Amazing enough that the first slabbed coin I would ever possess is a Love Token. Bravo Robert!

Should you care to have one in your collection, submit to: P.C.I., P.O. Box 8609, Chattanooga, TN 37414.

My slab, oops, Love Token is a Liberty Seated Dime with initials BCW for Bob Wester. How neat too and no hole in the coin or Slab, Ha! Ha! The slab states the date 1889 and type of coin Liberty Seated followed by its grade E.F. 40 and surface damage. You gotta Love it!

Speaking of slabbed coins, they do have advantages for the new collector. When I began collecting I purchased my share of "Sweethearts" but I learned quickly that Santa Claus was no where to be found when disposing of the coins. Fortunately, Love Token enthusiasts enjoy their scenics for their beauty. The fancy initials we relate to and the plain love we have for the tokens.

Coins on the other hand can be very cold, stamped out, with little feeling, but to serve an intended purpose. I'm sure many collectors would curse and disagree with my thoughts, their privilege of course!

They tell me, "Love makes the World Go Round." Yes it does and for Love Token collectors, those round engraved rolling coins will continue to come your way. I hope always!



### VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Carol Harmes



For my first writing, I thought I would introduce myself to the LTS membership. I think I have been collecting love tokens for about seven years. It all started when I was dating my husband to be (Lorin) in 1987. Lorin is a coin dealer, and I started going to coin shows with him. I mainly stayed behind the table and tried to help the customers. I did not know much about coins and worked at trying to learn all the names of the coins. It was hard to show the coins when someone asked to see the sesqui, Columbian, cap bust large cent, or a trade dollar, when I didn't know what they were.

At some point I had people coming by and asking for love tokens. My husband always had a couple of them. They were always initials and were only dimes. It was not until one of the Florida United Numismatic (FUN) shows that I came across a dealer that had at least three or five notebooks full of only pictorial love tokens. On reflection it seems like love tokens were the only thing he was selling and I wish I knew his name or had taken a business card.

This occurred in about 1988 or 1989, and the

prices were between twenty and twenty-eight dollars. I am a frog collector, and this dealer had maybe five different frog love tokens. I would have loved to have bought some, but did not know anything about the pricing of scenic love tokens.

I asked my husband about them and he said they were too much. In retrospect he really did not know anything about them either. All he had sold were the initials which he paid three dollars apiece for and sold for four dollars. I wish I had hung onto those too, because you can not find them at those prices now.

Several years went by before I started collecting love tokens. In the meantime I had started a collection of coins from ancient Rome and Greece up through seventeenth century European coins. I was collecting coins with portraits, and the stranger they looked the better.

At some point I met Lloyd at the LTS booth at FUN. He had recently written his book which sold for around thirty dollars. I enjoyed looking through it but did not buy it (a choice I regretted later when the price went up to fifty-eight dollars delivered).

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## From Your President... Sid Gale

Thank you all for the overwhelming submission of letters in honor of Lloyd for the last Love Letter. I talked with him shortly after the Love Letter "hit the street" and believe me, he was thrilled. He has done so much for the Love Token Society (LTS) over the years and your comments were greatly appreciated by him.

Judy and I are planning to attend the ANA show in Chicago this August 11-15. Carol Harmes, our Vice President will be there and Bob and Barbara Newhouse are hoping to make it also. The LTS will have a club booth and we will also have our annual meeting. The precise time and date will be announced in the next Love Letter. Many of us belong to both LTS and the Original Hobo Nickel Society, so I will ensure that the meetings are not scheduled at the same time.

If you are thinking about attending please let us know. It would be very nice to plan a luncheon or dinner one evening to get together and get to know each other better.

The Love Token Society sponsors three awards for competitive exhibits at the ANA show. So, we have to have a minimum of three love token exhibits submitted for competition. Please exhibit if you can. Don't be intimidated if you have never done one before. Believe me, it is fun; but, it also requires a lot of work. I will be more than happy to assist you in any way I can. I have exhibited at ANA and FUN in the past and I am also a certified ANA judge. That doesn't mean that I know "it all"; it means only that I enjoy exhibiting and I am looking forward to helping you if you are interested in exhibiting.

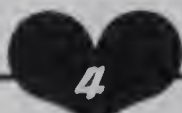
You don't have to have a large collection of love tokens to exhibit, AND, they don't have to be real expensive pieces. Go through your collection and pick out your favorite love tokens. Put the rest aside for now. Write a few notes on a sheet of paper explaining what it is that you like about each one of them. What attracted you to them? What do the love tokens in front of you have in common? What title would be fitting to describe them as a group? The notes that you have made are now the rough framework for your exhibit.

Exhibits are evaluated using a system that assigns point values (100 points) to about ten different categories. Most exhibitors use these standards as a "checklist" to complete their presentation. The standards and points available for each are as follows: Title and Scope (5); Basic Numismatic Information (15); Special Numismatic Information (15); Creativity and Originality (10); Attractiveness (10); Balance (10); Completeness (5); Degree of Difficulty (10); Condition (10); and rarity (10). I will be happy to send you a detailed explanation of the above criteria if you are interested. It sounds complicated but it really isn't once you get into it.

We can also use some help in the booth. If you are a member of ANA, coming to the show, and are willing to spend some time in the booth— please advise. I will submit your name for a badge.

I am always interested in your suggestions, ideas, or comments that would serve to improve the Love Token Society. Let me know what type of things that you want to see in the Love Letter if you are not seeing it. Speaking of the Love Letter, I sincerely believe that Bob and Barbara Newhouse have done a superb job of putting it together each month. Thank you so very much for a job well done.

- Sid Gale



## Vice President's Message continued...

I acquired a few love tokens and English enameled coins, but steered away from collecting love tokens for two reasons. Number one, I did not know their values and what was appropriate to pay for them. Number two, I had seen it as something which coindealers' wives collected and did not think it was taken as a serious hobby.

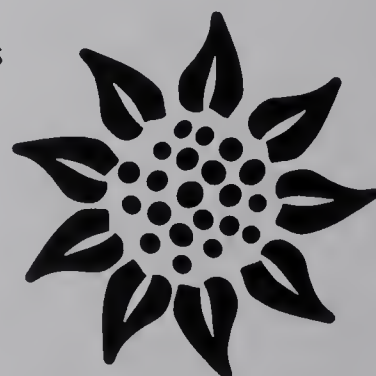
I have always tried to defy stereotypes my whole life whether it be gender, age, or weight. I did not want to be seen as the stereotype of a coin dealer's wife who sat behind the boarse table knitting or reading a book and telling customers to wait until her husband got back to give a price or answer a question. I must say, however, in the years since I have been in this business, I have known some very competent and knowledgeable women and dealers' wives. I did not mean this remark as an insult, but as my perception at the time.

It was probably not until I felt comfortable with my own role in the coin business that I started seriously collecting love tokens. It combined my new career in coins with my originally intended career. I have a BA in fine art and a Masters degree in art education. I enjoy the artistry of the pictorials, and with no two alike I never know what I might find next.

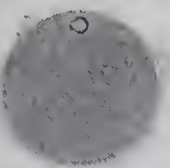

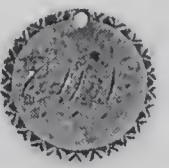
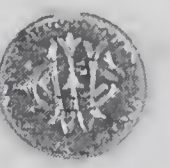






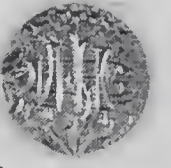













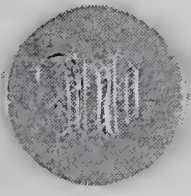


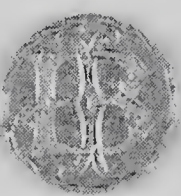






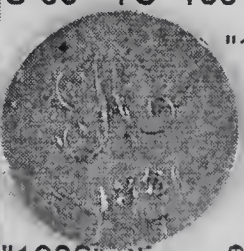

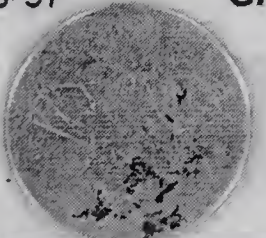





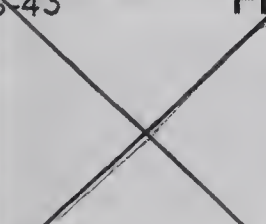





My only problem now is finding pictorial love tokens. As a result I have had to expand the parameters of my collection. I have been lucky to be able to buy two dealers love token collections after they quit collecting. I would also like to add that they were men. Actually most of the more serious collectors I have met are men. Maybe they have more disposable income or maybe I just haven't met enough of the membership.

I believe love token collecting has been gaining respect in numismatic circles. I know that the prices have also been going up. Men are not embarrassed to collect love tokens, and they defend the hobby if they encounter a dealer with a stereotype.

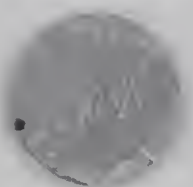
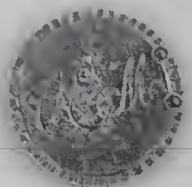


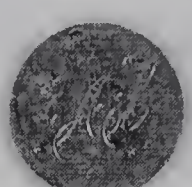







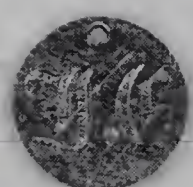





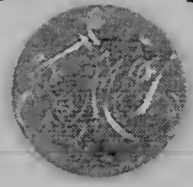
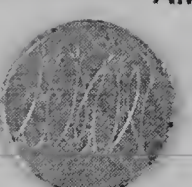
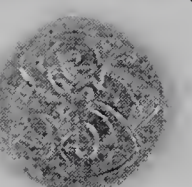
















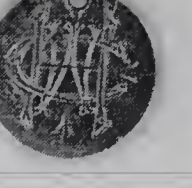










Sincerely,  
Carol Harmes





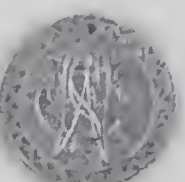









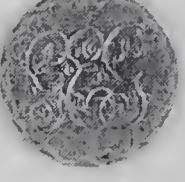


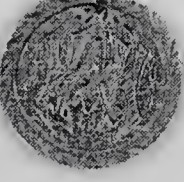



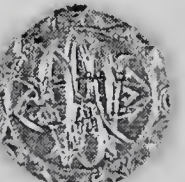
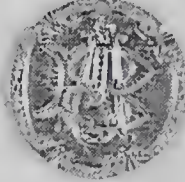



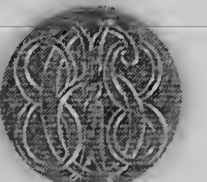







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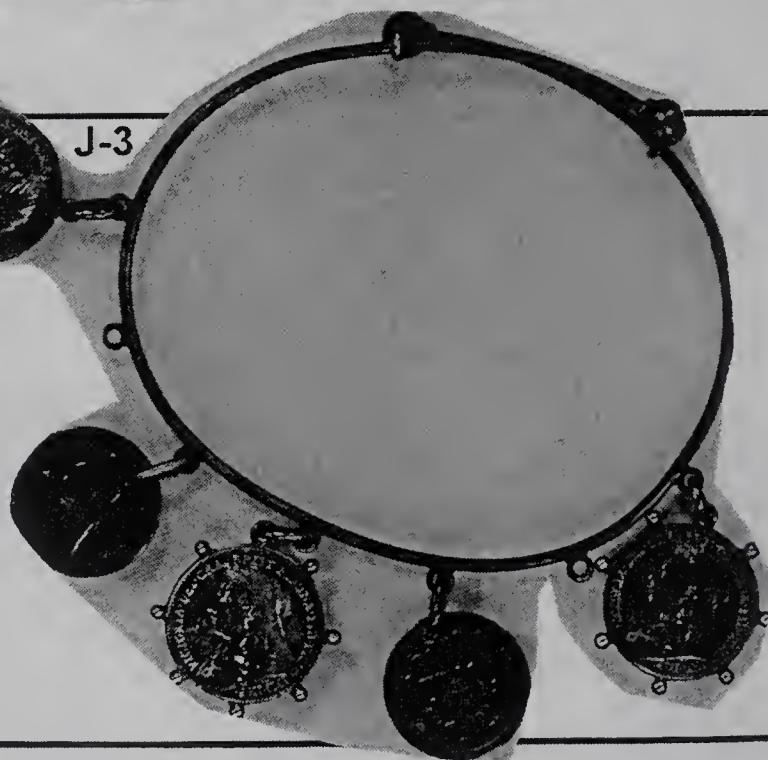
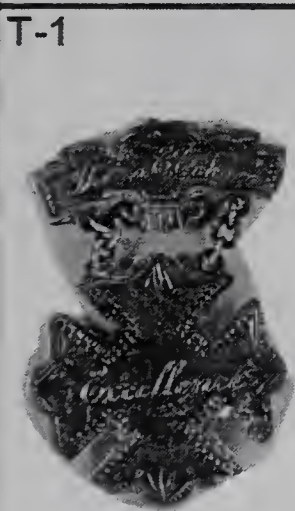


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## Mail Bid



- S-1 Bracelet composed of [ 9 ] 1892 Barber Dimes.  
"S.J.F. w/ Flowers"; "FJ"; "GBH w/ Flowers";  
"SME"; "J.E.B. w/ Flowers"; "CB"; "C.J.F. w/  
leaves"; "JAH"; D.J.S. on scroll". Very Nice.
- T-1 Silver Medal. "Thirza E. Cohan" on top.  
"Excellence" on cross below.
- Z-1 Pictorial on Philippines 50 Centavos!!!  
"Palm Tree and Tropical House on stilts  
w/ border"

- Z-2 “Mother” on GB Maundy 2p 1831-1836  
or 1 1/2 p 1834-1837--not sure.
- J-1 Hong Kong 1890 5c with “Blue  
Enamelled Head”. Button
- J-2 1884 U.S. Silver Dollar w/ hole for a  
watch fob. “WEE BURN 1897  
Saturday” is stamped.
- J-3 Bracelet with 1897 GB 3p w/turquoise  
stone; 1871 U.S. 1/2 10c; 1897 3p w/  
garnet; 1852 1/2 10c; 1897 3p w/ garnet.







# Love Token Sales

Once again we have four pages of love tokens (189) and they have not been offered in the Love Letter prior to this. It consists of 3 1/2 pages of sales at fixed prices and 1/2 page of love tokens offered by mail bid.

For the benefit of those of you just getting familiar with love tokens or the way that I list them, the following comments may help. If you are looking for particular initials or letters on a love token and you see the correct letters but maybe they are listed in the incorrect sequence- look very carefully at the engraving or give me a call. Many times with Love Tokens that have intertwined letters it is difficult to determine the sequence or they can be read more than one way. For example, B-2 on page 4 could be read as either EC or CE.

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## TERMS OF SALE

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5. Winning bidders will be notified by mail. Buyer must add sufficient postage and insurance with payment.

## Abbreviations and Terms Used

Ger.- Germany; GB- Great Britain; C/S Counterstamp; Grade- Standard ANA on the coin side; intwd- intertwined; Cop- copper; \_\_\_//\_\_\_ - engraving on both sides; Engraved Letters Are Underlined

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# Love Letter

**Love Token Society Newsletter**



**Dr. Robert C. Newhouse  
5840 Tuttle Cove Road  
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WARNING! If this box  
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Please send \$10.00 ASAP



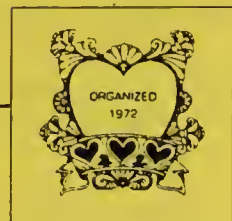


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## From a Canadian Perspective...

### Thoughts of Love

By Don Anderson  
*From the Canadian Coin News,  
March 22, 1982, page A9*



One of the questions most often asked by our customers is the meaning of the concept of the love token. Usually, they are asking because they've seen one advertised in Canadian Coin News and simply don't know what it is.

Simply stated, a love token is any coin (or Medal, etc.) which has had one or both sides ground flat and the original design replaced with the initials or other inscription relating to a loved one. On Canadian coins, the date side is usually ground off, perhaps out of respect for the Monarch. On U.S. coins, the reverse is usually ground off; thus, most U.S. love tokens can usually be dated.

Love tokens come in all sizes, from the small silver nickel to coins the size of the dollar. Smaller denomination gold coins— especially sovereigns and half-sovereigns— were also very popular for use as love tokens. They also come from all countries, although most we have seen have come from Canada, Great Britain and the United States.

The majority of love tokens have been made on Victoria or Edward dimes, a quite expensive gift, when you stop and think about how much money a person earned in those times! Quarters and large cents seem to be the next most popular. We have seen only one love token made on the five cent silver, two on fifty cent pieces and one on a dollar.

Love tokens were usually given to the object of one's affection, who often wore the token on a bracelet or— if the token had a hole punched in it— as a necklace. Still others had pins soldered to them so they could be used as a brooch. Matched pairs were also created as cufflinks. Regardless of how the token was to

be worn, many remained— in a 'safe' place— in the family for generations. It is not at all unusual to find an early date Victoria love token that is still in extra fine condition.

The 'largest' love token chain we have ever seen held a total of 37 engraved coins. Of these, 20 were made of gold and the remainder were silver. The chain weighed roughly 2.73 pounds.

Love tokens should not be confused with coins that have simply been defaced. For example, the popular 'hobo nickel' series in the United States is the work of artists who retool the Indians face on the obverse so he looks like a sailor, soldier, etc. Neither should love tokens be confused with coins that have simply been written upon. For example, we recently received an 1894 five cent piece that had 'June 11, 1894' written lightly in the field on the obverse face. We have also owned several large cents with names, towns, and sometimes even box office numbers inscribed. As far as we are concerned, coins like these, regardless of their condition or rarity are simply damaged coins.

The designs that are engraved onto the love tokens range from the simple— a single letter, "Mom", "Dolly", etc.— to the very complex. A Canadian quarter we own shows a house on a seashore, with a large sailing ship nearby. Its elaborate inscription reads, "Home Is The Sailor, Home From The Sea..." Whether this token was made for a loved one or in memory of a loved one who had died is unknown to us.

Perhaps the most unusual love token we presently own is an 1858 large cent in AU condition. The coin is intact except for a small

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## Welcome New Members!

- 960 Karen Eigner  
2516 Tandy Turn  
Eugene, OR 97401
- 961 Darla Humbert  
1516 Juhl Street  
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- 962 Alfred J. Della Posta  
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- 963 Michael Rae  
1601 Bedfordshire  
Bedford, TX 76021
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## Reinstated- Welcome back!

- 868 Floyd W. Taylor, Jr.  
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## Tip of the Token

- To **James Nix**, our newest LIFE member! Congrats!

*Editor's Note: Life membership fee is \$200- payable in one lump sum or in install-ments over a maximum period of three years. A paid in life membership is non-transferable.*

## Financial Statement

General Funds		
Balance March 31, 1999		\$6,540.56
Receipts		
Membership dues		140.00
New members		50.00
Donations		5.00
Life membership		200.00
Interest (Bank Account) -	April	7.64
	May	6.02
Commission on Coin Sales		68.30
Sale of Entenmann Book		58.00
Total Receipts		534.96
Subtotal		\$7,075.52
Expenses		
Check #335 - U.S. Post Office		102.52
(stamps & recruitment mailings)		
Check #336 - COE Media Center		81.46
(graphics LTS #182)		
Check #337 -Kinko's		169.21
(duplication LTS #182)		
Check #338 - U.S. Post Office		46.20
(extra postage LTS #182)		
Total Expenses		\$399.39
Balance May 31, 1999		\$6,676.13
Permanent Fund - Audubon Savings & Loan Association		
1 year certificate of deposit		\$655.50
Membership Report		
Membership - March 31, 1999		219
New members		5
Reinstated		1
Membership as of May 31, 1999		225

**Barbara Newhouse - Secretary/Treasurer**

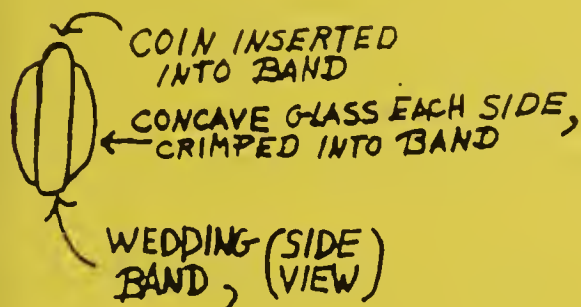
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# Tokens of Love

This article first appeared in Love letter #90 in June 1983. The tokens described here were the property of Sylvester S. Crosby, a noted Boston numismatist from the 1870's. To this day a Lincoln Civil War token has not surfaced.



The illustration is provided to acquaint the reader and numismatist with these possibly unique items. The three wedding bands with eyelets attached appear to have been on a man's pocket watch chain. Inserted in the silver band is an Abraham Lincoln Civil War token. In my personal examination, I found this token to be struck in silver and exhibiting proof like surfaces. (See Fuld's Civil War Tokens, 1960, Whitman Publishers.) Fuld obverse 129 or 130 and reverse 349. Rarity 9. 2 to 4 known.

Most impressive are the two gold wedding bands; inserted in each band and protected by the glass are mint struck violet toned proof like medalets of Andrew Jackson who appears on both obverses. One of the medalets is listed in Doyle DeWitt's "A Century of Campaign Buttons 1789-1889", this 18 millimeter silver mint struck medalet is Andrew Jackson 1832-4. It is an original of 1833, not the restrike of October 1961. The name Bernard G. Farrell is engraved around the outside of this band and is dated July 1st 1860.

A civilian bust of George Washington is on the reverse of this mint struck 18 millimeter silver medalet inserted in the second gold wedding band. The engravers initials Anthony Paquet, appear at the bottom of the bust of the right shoulder. This reverse is the same as the obverse of mint cabinet medalet #602 which is listed on page 241 of the 1972 revised edition, (Medals of the United States Mint) issued for public sale.

Is this non-contemporary political medalet an unknown pattern? Possibly an unlisted mint issue? It seems logical that if this mint medalet was known by Alfred Saturlee it would certainly

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## From an Australian Perspective...

### Tokens of True Love

By Estella Robinson

From the Sun-Herald, Sydney, Australia



During the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries in England, Europe and America, many young men among the poor working classes made love tokens from low value copper coins.

Soldiers and sailors were among the most generous in handing out these mementos, no doubt because they were often away from their sweethearts.

Wealthier men splurged on silver and gold coins, many a sovereign, shilling or sixpence was defaced as a gesture of their passion.

Many tokens sported such common romantic symbols as Cupid, bows and arrows, love birds, hearts and flowers and lover's knots. Intertwined initials of the lovers or one or both names frequently appeared. Some were dated.

The standard of workmanship overall is excellent especially when one considers that the men who made them were not skilled and often used such crude tools as nails or bits of glass.

English love tokens vary in size from the massive 1797 George III to farthings.

Although the technique for making them was simple, it often required a lot of effort. The lovesick swain first rubbed down the coin on one or both sides until the original design was obliterated. Then he engraved upon the blank surfaces designs and legends that ranged from plain and short to ornate and complex.

Tom Hanley, secretary of the Australian Numismatic Society and author of the recently published book Australian Coins, Notes and Medals, has one engraved on a 1776 English halfpenny. It reads, "Succss to true harts", which could be more a case of fitting the message to the limited space than a poor speller.

One English token dated 1784 has a beautifully crafted vase of flowers on one side. On the other is this inscription: "Sweet is thy love, soft is thy breast; if you prove trew to me, from you I never part. William." William must have spent many eye-straining hours in flickering candlelight to create this token. Here's hoping she did not let him down.

In America many of the love tokens were the work of itinerant engravers who travelled the state and county fair circuits in the 1880s and 1890s. For a reasonable fee, they engraved mostly silver coins into love tokens. Dimes, quarters, half dollars and even French 50 centime pieces and English sixpences were the engravers' favorites.

Love tokens are eagerly sought in the USA, which even has a society of love token collectors. Particularly well engraved pieces sell for upwards of \$50.

Surprisingly, the only love tokens engraved on Australian coins which have appeared to date are on 1942 and 1943 florins. They are believed to be the handiwork not of Australians, but of American servicemen stationed here during World War II.

Why no locally produced tokens? Did the Aussie male fancy his lady too little to sacrifice the face value of his coins? Did he shrink from a gesture that could have labelled him a cissy? Whatever the reason, neither "harts" nor flowers ever replaced a 'roo here.





## From Your President... Sid Gale

Who will be at the Rosemont Convention center (9301 West Bryn Mawr) in Chicago, August 11-15th??? Yes, the time is approaching very rapidly for the ANA show. The Love Token Society has been assigned a corner **Booth #0218**. We will conduct our annual meeting on **Saturday, August 14th at 11:00 a.m. in Room 8**.

So far, Judy and I, Carol Harmes, and Bill Fivaz are the LTS members, that I know of, who will be there. If you are thinking about attending, please let us know. It would be fun to plan a luncheon or dinner one evening to get together and get to know each other better. None of us are familiar with Chicago but we will have learned enough by Friday or Saturday to arrange something. If any of you are familiar with the Chicago area please provide any suggestions that you have to offer.

After I attend this show, I will be going to Wildacres Retreat in the mountains of North Carolina to take a one week jewelry repair course. I will be bringing broken love token jewelry to work on and repair. I will be learning how to make the parts and repair the jewelry. If you have any love token jewelry that needs repairing give me a call and let me know what it is. I may be able to take it with me and repair it under the supervision of a highly-skilled jeweler (or get him to do it while I watch). If it is your favorite piece and "you would never be able to live with yourself if something happened to it" please don't send it yet- wait until I have more experience. I have been making brass and copper jewelry as well as copper sculptures for about nine years so I do have experience with jewelry; but it is with jewelry that I have made and therefore I know the components, etc.

Carol Harmes wrote her first introductory column in the last Love letter. I have had the privilege of talking with her and "sharing love tokens" at numerous FUN shows in Orlando and the ANA show in Denver. She always has a friendly smile, is extremely knowledgeable, has many years of numismatic experience, and a fantastic collection of love tokens. As we prepared for this Love letter she told me about some of the things that she would like to write about in the future. She has a lot of great ideas and I consider LTS fortunate to have her contributions to the Love Letter. If there is a subject that you would like to see addressed please don't hesitate to contact either Carol, Barbara, Bob or myself and we will ensure that it is covered.

### *A Canadian Perspective... Thoughts of Love continued from page 1*

solder spot on the rim and a beautiful one-quarter carat clear sapphire set directly above the Queen's head. We think this coin may have been part of a necklace set, so if anyone in the coin collecting fraternity has one or more like it, we would certainly like to hear from you.

Love token collectors avidly seek tokens with the names of famous people on them- such as the 50 cent piece that was given to the late, great comedian W.C. Fields by one of his close friends.

Perhaps the most famous name we have found on a love token so far is that of Louis Riel. Riel, of course, was the French-Canadian who led the fight for Meis rights in 1870 and again in 1885. So far, we have seen two tokens with Riel's name on them. The first is an 1859/8 with his name engraved in fancy script on the reverse. The second is an 1886 American Morgan dollar. On the dollar coin, the reverse has been modified so that it bears a large cross. The original legend "In God We Trust" appears

on the horizontal bar and "L.D. Riel" for Louis David- Riel's chosen name- appears on the vertical bar. The obverse has been modified so that only the main device (Miss Liberty's head) and the date remains. Thus, the obverse now reads, "Nov. 1886, 16," the date that Riel was executed in Regina. All references to the United States have been removed from the coin.

Prices for love tokens vary, depending on condition, whether or not the token is holed, and so on. In General, nickel and dime tokens cost under \$15; quarter size tokens around \$25; 50 cent sized tokens around \$60; dollar size tokens may cost upwards of \$200 each. Gold love tokens can usually be purchased at or near the price of gold.



## Letter to the Editor

### *Australian Convict Love Tokens*

Good Morning Robert,

LuAnne is the official love token collector of the household. I am just the numismatist she followed to the coin shows until she met Mr. Entenmann and got interested in the love tokens. Since she collected sterling hearts as a child, it was a simple transition. (I also gave her a copy of Lloyd's book as a gift.)

I read with interest the article on the front page of the March/April (#182) issue of the Love Letter. In April, I had to be in London on business, and I was able to see this exhibit. It was very interesting, and also included were enscribed coins used for political party declarations, and other purposes.

An unusual twist to the Love Token was what I call the "Fell Out of Love Token"- some of the loved ones left behind were not proud to be associated with a convict, and scratched out the name/initials of the "beloved" and then spent the Love Token. The exhibit had a few examples of these.

At Coincraft's (which is across the street from the British Museum), they were selling a 122-page book entitled "Convict Love Token- The Leaden Hearts the Convicts left behind", edited by Michele Field and Timothy Millett. For those who did not happen to be in London during the exhibit, this is a nice way to study the exhibit and topic vicariously.

The book covers many things not shown in the exhibit (one prisoner had Love Tokens made for 7 different girls!), includes many illustrations and some color plates.

You may wish to mention the book to your members in the next issue of the Love Letter.

**Eugene and LuAnne Freeman**  
**May 23, 1999**

### *Tokens of Love continued from page 3*

have been listed by Doyle DeWitt in the non-contemporary political section beginning on page 406.

Now having read this account, have you ever seen any mounted medalets and/or similar to them? Could be the forerunners to American love tokens?

(Note: The author would be interested in any comments and explanation regarding this article and these "Tokens of Love.")

**Robert Wester**  
**608 Alton Woods**  
**Concord, NH 03301**



# Vice-President's Message

## A Guide for Collecting Love Tokens

Many people start collecting love tokens with initials, either their own or of friends and family. Some go on to collect scenics or other unique love tokens. Initials are by far the most abundant. Scenics, one must really hunt for and be prepared to pay a higher price. I started by trying to collect scenics, but was a little discouraged since I could not find them at many of the smaller coin shows. As a result, I began to expand the categories of love tokens I collect.

I have compiled a list for collecting below. From time to time I add another category to my list. The list will probably continue to expand as my collection increases. I urge other LTS members to contribute their ideas for collecting, particularly if I have omitted something.

### 1. Initials

- a. friends and family
- b. decorative
  - overlapping letters
  - different styles of lettering
- c. lettering combinations
  - all the same letters (ex. H.H.H.)
  - radar letters (letters that can be read upside down or right side up)
- d. single letters of the alphabet
- e. interesting initials (ex. Mc or Jr. used with other initials)

### 2. Names

- a. first names
- b. first and last names
- c. names and addresses

### 3. Fancy Borders

### 4. Dates

- single date, birthdates, deaths, anniversaries

### 5. Presentation/Gift

(ex. from A. to S.)

### 6. Sayings/Messages

(ex. My heavenly jewel or forget-me-not)

Note: some messages may have to be translated from other languages. I have a few in German.

### 7. Enameled

Mostly letters, but there are some with flowers. English enameled coins, where the enamel is a replica of the coin image, may also be included in this category.

### 8. Jeweled

Stones are set either with initials or combined in a scenic.

### 9. Metal Overlay

Technique is mostly done with initials either in gold or silver.

### 10. Cut Down Coins

Edges of coins are cut into a design. The octagon is the most common, but I have also found cut out initials, a clover, and a sheriff's star within a circle.

### 11. Family Members

Mother (Ma, Mama); Father (Pa); Sister; Brother; Grandmother; Grandfather; Aunt; Uncle; Cousin; Baby; Nany; Mamie.

### 12. U.S. Type Coins

Collect one of every type coin you can find.

### 13. Year Sets

Collect love tokens by date.

### 14. Country Type Set

Collect one from as many countries as you can find.

### 15. Early Great Britain Coins

Mostly on copper large pennies and engraved on two sides.

### 16. Pictorials

- a. animals- horse, dog, cat, frog, deer, cow
- b. people- portrait or full figure
- c. birds- swan, heron, owl, hen, generic birds
- d. insects- bugs and butterflies
- e. landscapes- trees, hills, river, houses
- f. bridges
- g. lighthouses
- h. nautical- sails, anchor, boats, etc.
- i. sports- roller skate, ice skate, etc.
- j. geometric shapes
- k. floral
- l. hearts
- m. horsehoes
- n. moon and stars
- o. scrollwork and banners
- p. musical instruments or music notes
- q. transportation- train, trolley, bicycle
- r. religious- angels, Lord's prayer, cross, Star of David, churches, etc.
- s. miscellaneous pictorials- ones that do not fit the above categories.

### 17. Jewelry

- a. pin- single coin
- b. brooch- group of coins
- c. earrings
- d. bracelet- may be constructed in different manners
- e. necklace
- f. ring
- g. locket (ex. box dollar with engraving on the inside)
- h. watch fob
- i. stickpin
- j. shirt studs
- k. cuff links
- l. button

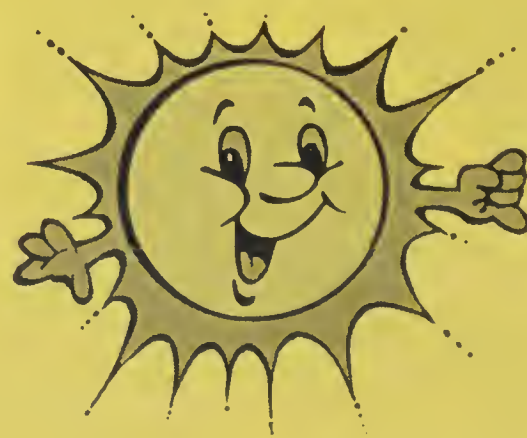
### 18. Semi-Related Categories

- a. organizations- masonic, Odd Fellows, etc.
- b. seals- carved backwards
- c. military- names, places, ID numbers, and scenes
- d. medals- either initials done on medals or awards
- e. blanks- may have borders engraved, but no initials

Some love tokens may fit into more than one category. For example, one of my prize pieces is a gold watch chain with seven five dollar gold coins. One coin has gold overlay initials and the others have enameled initials. One of the enameled ones also has a diamond set in it. This piece could fit in four different categories (jewelry, enameled, jeweled, and metal overlay). I choose to keep it with my jewelry, but if I were ever doing an exhibit on enameled love tokens, I would pull it out of my jewelry section. I hope this list is of some help and offers some inspiration.

Sincerely,

**Carol Harmes**





# Love Tokens For Sale!

Here are four pages of love tokens offered for sale at the prices indicated and one page being sold by auction/mail bid. If you see something that you want, I suggest that you call and I will reserve it for you if it is still available. If you get my answering machine just tell me which ones you want and I will reserve them for you also. I WILL BE AT THE ANA SHOW AUGUST 11-15 and then I will be going to North Carolina to take a jewelry repair course. Please order love tokens early and send your checks fast so I can wrap it up before I leave. Otherwise you will have about a three week delay in receiving your coins.

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1. No buyers fee. Seller pays \$.50 per coin sold.
2. Sellers may place a reserve bid.
3. All winning bids over \$15.00 will be reduced to approximately 10% above the second highest bid. No bids under \$15.00 will be reduced.
4. All bids must be received by 8:00 p.m. CST on the closing date Tuesday, July 13, 1999. Phone bids are encouraged, but the only information given will be the second highest bid.
5. Winning bidders will be notified by mail. Buyer must add sufficient postage and insurance with payment.

### Abbreviations and Terms Used

Ger.- Germany; GB- Great Britain; C/S Counterstamp; Grade- Standard ANA on the coin side; intwd- intertwined;  
Cop- copper; \_\_\_\_//\_\_\_\_ - engraving on both sides; Engraved Letters Are Underlined

### Mail Bid Sale Prices Realized- Last Sale (May 1999)

S-1	\$132	Z-2	\$10	J-3	\$39
T-1	\$25	J-1	\$15		
Z-1	\$310	J-2	\$35		

## Have a Happy





N-1	GHD	N-2	WRD	N-3	HLG	N-4	FAC	N-5	WSF	N-6	CFK
											
1875 f \$8.00		1877 vf \$8.00		<1874> \$8.00		1876 f \$8.00		1887 f \$8.00		1885 f \$8.00	
N-7	WKO	N-8	WLW	N-9	HWS	N-10	JMR	N-11	WHJ	N-12	WCS
											
1875 f \$8.00		1883 f \$8.00		1882 vf \$8.00		1899 \$8.00		1876 f \$8.00		Blank \$8.00	
N-13	WHD	N-14	HWC	N-15	OFG	N-16	JJW	N-17	HFC	N-18	CHT/VLR
											
1883 f \$8.00		1889 vf \$8.00		1890 f \$8.00		10c \$8.00		1876 g \$8.00		10c \$8.00	
N-19	SCH	N-20	ALR	N-21	HHP	N-22	MEV	N-23	CRC	N-24	RF
											
1883 vg \$8.00		1883 f \$8.00		1876 f \$8.00		1889 vf \$8.00		1888 vf \$8.00		1882 \$8.00	
N-25	JWE	N-26	JPB	N-27	CES	N-28	CCT	N-29	ERC	N-30	EEW
		 Sterling Disk									
1890 vf \$8.00		\$8.00		1876 f \$8.00		GB 3p \$8.00		Blank \$8.00		1876 f \$8.00	
N-31	WHW	N-32	TCE	N-33	D / CMF	N-34	RAL	N-35	AMB	N-36	JLB
											
1886 f \$8.00		1882 \$8.00		10c \$8.00		1877 f \$8.00		<1874> f \$9.00		1886 f \$9.00	
N-37	VAD	N-38	GAP	N-39	FJB	N-40	PWC	N-41	GSM	N-42	CWM
											
1883 vf \$9.00		1877 f \$9.00		<1853> \$9.00		1884 f \$9.00		1891 f \$9.00		1875 \$9.00	
N-43	1884 / SPC	N-44	JGC	N-45	1891 / ISB	C-4	PA	Z-1	C/S ANA 1976 NYC	Z-2	C/S JK
											
10c \$9.00		1883 vf \$9.00		10c \$9.00		1883 xf \$10.00		\$6.00		\$3.00	



J-1  1883 f \$12.00	J-2 WLF  1887 vf \$12.00	J-3 PAS  10c \$12.00	J-4 JL / KHS  10c \$12.00	J-5 AR / AP  1890 vf \$12.00	EC  1886 vf \$12.00
J-7 1392 / CPR  10c \$12.00	J-8 HM / May 4 96  10c \$12.00	J-9 MF / HB  10c \$12.00	J-10 AFK  solder 1877 \$12.00	J-11 LMT  1892 xf \$12.00	J-12 HB  1887 vf \$12.00
J-13 RME  1883 f \$12.00	J-14 FMD  1883 vf \$12.00	J-15 FLC  <1855> ag \$10.00	J-16 FM  <1854> g \$10.00	J-17 LS  1876 f \$10.00	J-18 FAG  1891 \$10.00
J-19 NLH  1841 \$10.00	J-20 JED  1875 vg \$10.00	J-21 W.S.B.S.  1877 f \$10.00	J-22 WAP  1882 f \$10.00	J-23 PF i.d.  1893 \$10.00	J-24 BEB  10c \$10.00
J-25 BHL  1875 f \$10.00	J-26 WFM  1887 vf \$10.00	J-27 CAW  1875 f \$10.00	J-28 MRG  1875 \$9.00	J-29 ASP  10c Blank \$9.00	J-30 IF  solder 1857 \$9.00
J-31 WGB  1883 f \$9.00	J-32 JAR  <1853> g \$9.00	J-33 EFL  1878 f \$9.00	J-34 JAB  1875 f \$9.00	J-35 RMCD  1870 f \$9.00	J-36 P  1861 cuff link \$9.00
J-37 ES  1857 \$9.00	J-38 HCB  GB 3p \$9.00	J-39 FP  1877 f \$9.00	J-40 AA  1868 vg \$9.00	J-41 ENM  1877 \$9.00	J-42 IS  1875 vg \$9.00
J-43 WSL  1875 v \$9.00	J-44 MMB  1877 f \$9.00	J-45 EGA  1884 vf \$9.00	J-46 THL  1875 vc \$9.00	J-47 MAR  1876 ag \$9.00	J-48 JEM  <1853> vc \$9.00



-49	GCH	J-50	SDL	J-51	JWD	J-52	ABV	J-53	LA	J-54	RSC
											
878 vf	\$9.00	1875 vg	\$9.00	18?? g	\$9.00	1884 f	\$9.00	Blank	\$9.00	1845 g	\$9.00
-55	GMT	J-56	JWY	J-57	EFA	J-58	F	J-59	CAD	J-60	EDC
											
877 vf	\$9.00	1875	\$9.00	solder	\$9.00	10c	\$9.00	1891 f	\$9.00	1876 f	\$9.00
-61	WG	J-62	MC	J-63	GLM	J-64	B	J-65	SCIC	J-66	HM
											
882 f	\$9.00	1883 f	\$9.00	1876 g	\$9.00	1887 f	\$9.00	solder	\$9.00	1856	\$9.00
-67	MEM	J-68	IES	J-69	FST	J-70	FHH	J-71	WWJ	J-72	JHG
											
878 f	\$9.00	1885 f	\$9.00	1883 f	\$9.00	2877 f	\$9.00	part on rev <1854>	\$9.00	1856	\$9.00
-73	FHC	J-74	LT	J-75	OPB	J-76	O.K.D.	J-77	FT	J-78	W.G.T.
											
0c Netherlands	\$9.00	country??	\$9.00	25c fr	\$9.00	1876	\$9.00	1886 f	\$9.00	1873	\$9.00
-79	HSB	J-80	WNC	J-81	MLE	J-82	AWH	J-83	WTR	J-84	F.G.
											
876 f	\$9.00	1851 vg	\$9.00	1876 vg	\$9.00	1892 vf	\$9.00	1876 vf	\$9.00	1845	\$9.00
-85	MHE	J-86	SD	J-87	ACT	J-88	EC	J-89	W.S.	J-90	MER
											
876 vg	\$9.00	GB 3p	\$8.00	Germany	\$8.00	Germany	\$8.00	1/2 10c <1853>	\$8.00	1875 f	\$8.00
-91	C.M.S. to M.A.N.	J-92	TIK	J-93	LE	J-94	JFA	J-95	LCA	J-96	RWC
											
GB 3p	\$8.00	1883 vf	\$8.00	<1853>	\$8.00	1877 g	\$9.00	1884 f	\$8.00	1884	\$7.00



R-1	MAK	R-2	HG/KKA	R-3	EY	R-4	AW	R-5	FLW	R-6	JMMG
											
1875	\$8.00	10c	\$8.00	Blank	\$8.00	1876	\$8.00	1877 f	\$8.00	1897	\$8.00
R-7	LN	R-8	AAG	R-9	EAR	R-10	CMJ	R-11	FAP	R-12	HMC
											
Foreign	\$8.00	1877	\$8.00	1887 f	\$8.00	1878	\$9.00	1878	\$8.00	Blank	\$9.00
R-13	FB	R-14	TW	R-15	FB	R-16	MAS	R-17	FWT	R-18	ES
											
1877	\$9.00	Germany	\$9.00	1883	\$9.00	1875	\$9.00	1882	\$9.00	1883	\$9.00
E-1	WA	E-2	KWH	E-3	M	E-4	FEN	E-5	PPC	E-6	DEN
											
Button		Button		Button		Button		Button		Button	
<1853>25	\$10.50	1856 25c	\$10.50	1870 25c	\$10.50	1876 25c	\$10.50	1876 25c	\$10.50	1876 25c	\$10.50
E-7	TMH	E-8	PHI	E-9	HET	E-10	JC	E-11	JWK	E-12	AI
											
Button		Button		Button		Button		Button			
1876 25c	\$10.50	1876 25c	\$11.50	1877 25c	\$11.50	1877 25c	\$12.50	25c	\$12.50	1885 f	\$10.00
E-13	SET	E-14	CB	E-15	HML	E-16	EDE	E-17	ASB	E-18	MW
											
1877 f	\$7.00	1876	\$8.00	1877	\$8.00	1876	\$8.00	1877	\$8.00	10c ag	\$8.00
E-19	RM	E-20	LIM	E-21	AG	E-22	Wheat	E-23	notched rim	S-1	OML
											
1875	\$9.00	1857 ag	\$9.00	Canada	\$9.00	25c	\$6.00	1944-s	\$3.00	1878 f	\$9.00
S-2	QMT	S-3	IBE	S-4	ORC	S-5	RD	S-6	GB	S-7	EWS
											
1887	\$9.00	1888 vf	\$10.00	25c	\$10.00	1881 f	\$10.00	1883 f	\$10.00	1870	\$10.00





G-1 "View from a window overlooking a sailboat on the water surrounded by mountains. A tree is in the foreground". 1883 f seated Liberty 10c.

G-2 "Lighthouse or building on the banks of a river or lake with boats in the background" The reverse has the initials "JGF" on a 10c size planchet with reeded edge.

G-3 A matched pair of nicely made cuff links with "CMJ" engraved on L.S. 10c

E-1 "JMB" on a 1848 \$5.00 Gold piece.

E-2 "JGC" in black enamel on a 1892 10c

E-3 "WSC" on obverse and "NES Declamatory 1915" on reverse of a sterling disk by Robbins Co.

E-4 "ESA" on a Newfoundland 50c. Pin Parts.

E-5 1908 Barber 50c with "pop out" "face of Liberty". "Pat Nov 22, 1908"

E-6 Elaborate "chalice" on one side and "Denise 25 March 1902" on the other of a silver disk.

E-7 "MAC" with border on a 1883 \$1.00.

E-8 1893 Hong Kong 50c mounted in a bezel with pins at 12:00 and 6:00 allowing the coin to rotate. Working pin

C-1 "MLHJ" nicely engraved on the obverse of a Barber Half Dollar.

G-4 10 Liberty Seated Love token Dimes.

C-2 "SFC" nicely engraved on a 1884 Morgan Dollar. Pin parts on reverse.

C-3 "TMD" / "ACO" on a 1890 Dollar.

E-9 Bracelet with four U.S. half dime love tokens as follows: 1859 "FSL", 1862 "Shider", Blank "SM" 1848 scenic piece with "sailboat on the water". Very well made functional bracelet.





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CALENDARS!

**1999 ANA Show  
August 11-15, 1999  
Chicago, IL**

**Love Token Society  
Annual Meeting**

**Saturday, August 14  
11:00 a.m.**

**Rosemont Convention Center  
Room 8**

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# *Love Letter*

**Love Token Society Newsletter**



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# Love Letter

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### Love Letter Layout/Design

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## Letter from the President - Sid Gale

The ANA show at the Rosemont Convention Center was very nice and there was a lot to do. We had a Love Token Society [LTS] booth. Four LTS members entered competitive love token exhibits so we had four love token exhibits. That is the most that I have ever seen. To be certified as a ANA judge in a particular category you need four exhibits; so I was able to get certified this time. We also conducted our annual meeting on Saturday. It was a lot of fun and I really enjoyed meeting some of our members for the first time even though I talk with them frequently on the phone. For those who were not interested in coins, there happened to be a very large antique show next door in the convention center.

Carol noted Tom Casper's exhibit, "Love Tokens in Gold" in her comments. Without doubt it was one of the nicest Love Token exhibits that I have ever seen. Three cases containing some absolutely beautiful material. Congratulations Tom for your First Place award; it is well deserved.

To his right, the viewer saw Doris Andrew's "Seldom Seen Love Tokens". Her love tokens were numbered so that you used a legend to read the details about each piece. She had some very nice pieces displayed- especially a dollar sized cuff link.

As you moved down you would have seen Judith Schwan's "An Introduction To Love Tokens". It provided a nice introduction and contained some nicely engraved pieces and a very lovely poem entitled "My Story". I failed to jot down the name of the author of the poem (I apologize) but it was a very nice touch. My exhibit "Gold Love Tokens" was seated next to Judith's. It contained most of my gold love tokens.

The Love Token Society sponsors the Love Token Exhibit Awards so it is very important that we have people take the time and effort to enter exhibits and share their treasures with everyone.

Someone once told me that we are only temporary custodians of these things that we collect. It is nice to share them with fellow collectors so that they can appreciate them also. Thank you exhibitors!!!

I found some nice love tokens for my collection. The dealers, particularly the exonomia and token and medal dealers, who normally have love tokens in their booths are still pricing their material at reasonable prices. Some of the dealers who "just happened to" have one or two had pretty high prices on theirs. When I go to a show I usually have money set aside

to buy a "special piece" that I feel will be a good exhibit piece. I felt that there were not as many really nice pieces available on the floor as there normally are. Of course, that may be because I had a few dollars to spare this time. Normally, if I am not careful, I start getting low on \$\$\$ halfway through the show.

I have started working on a web page for the Love Token Society. When I say started, I mean learning how to actually do one. I should have my first attempt on the internet by the time you see the next Loveletter. The purpose will be to introduce people to Love Tokens and also acquaint them with LTS and provide them an opportunity to join. We will not be selling love tokens on the internet but I may put pictures of nicer pieces on the page in order to entice people to join LTS so that they can bid on them. If anyone in LTS is an experienced computer person and interested in helping/or BEING THE WEBMASTER please advise- soon.

At our meeting we discussed establishing a LTS exhibit that members can request and enter as a noncompetitive exhibit at their local shows. I envision it being simple, easy to arrange, and containing enough material to introduce love tokens and the LTS to the public. When the viewer has finished looking at he/she will: 1. Know what a love token is; 2. Know that there is a Love Token Society; 3. Know that there is reference material available; 4. Know Barbara Newhouse's address to join LTS. I think we can do it with about \$150 - \$200 worth of love tokens, or the member can request the exhibit and put their own love tokens in it. If anyone is interested in helping with this project please let me know.

After the show, Judy and I drove to North Carolina where I took a one week jewelry repair course. I feel that I learned quite a lot while there. I brought some broken love token jewelry and learned how to make and replace pin parts, remove jewelry parts and also remove solder from coins, etc. Once I have experimented a little more with the solder removal I intend to write an article about it sometime. I did melt a love token half dime while attempting to remove a broken ear wire from it; believe it or not the wire is still there. I did improve after that. While at the ANA show I bought a box coin (Mexican 8 Real) that was missing

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## Welcome New Members!

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Milwaukee, WI 53219
- 966 Nancy M. Freeman  
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- 968 Richard S. Watts  
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Howard City, MI 49329
- 969 Steve M. Tompkins  
8510 Pershing  
Raytown, MO 64138
- 970 Pamela S. Benson  
2044 W. 110th Place  
Chicago, IL 60643

## Reinstated- Welcome back!

- 563 Donny R. Robinson  
P.O. Box 20411  
Macon, GA 31205
- 828 Walt Miller  
531 Oakmoor Road  
Bay Village, OH 44140

## Tip of the Token



- To **John and Glenda Cheramy**, for their continued support of donations to LTS from coin sales.
- To **Bill Fivaz**, for commissions on the sales of love token montage pictures and for donating a montage for the club booth display.
- To **Tom Casper, Sr., Sid Gale, Doris Andrew and Judith Schwan**, for exhibiting at ANA. For exhibiting, LTS will waive their annual dues for the year 2000.

## Financial Statement

General Funds		
Balance May 31, 1999		\$6,676.13
Receipts		
Membership dues		50.00
New members		60.00
Donations		5.00
ANA Donations from Bill Fivaz		30.00
Commission on Coin Sales		31.00
Sale of Entenmann Book		58.00
Interest (Bank Account) -	June	5.96
	July	7.60
Total Receipts		247.56
Subtotal		\$6,923.69
Expenses		
Check #339 - Coin World		29.95
Check #340 - U.S. Post Office (postage LTS #183)		110.00
Check #341 -Kinko's (duplication LTS #183)		180.66
Check #342 - Instructional Media Center (graphics LTS #183)		82.74
Total Expenses		\$403.35
Balance July 31, 1999		\$6,520.34

Permanent Fund - Audubon Savings & Loan Association  
1 year certificate of deposit \$655.50

Membership Report		
Membership - May 31, 1999		225
New members		6
Reinstated		2
Purged (non-payment of dues)		31

Membership as of July 31, 1999 202

**Barbara Newhouse - Secretary/Treasurer**

## Letter from the President, continued

the hinge inside. I devoted most of the week making a "double hinge" out of silver tubing and wire. I certainly appreciate them [box coins] a lot more. The tolerances are very close and the work is extremely precise to ensure the piece opens and closes correctly. I am now looking for a broken Trade Dollar box coin.

Sorry for the delay in publication of the Loveletter. We will do our best to "get back on track" in October. In the meantime start thinking about the FUN show in Orlando.

**- Sid Gale**



## Letter to the Editor

I recently exhibited a three case exhibit on Love Tokens at the ANA show in Rosemont, IL. I won a first place for it. Mr. Sid Gale, who I saw at the show, wrote to me congratulating me. He asked if I had a picture of my exhibit or me receiving the plaque. I don't have a picture of my exhibit, but I have enclosed a photo of me receiving the plaque.

I also met VP Carol Harmes at the show. This was my first time exhibiting at ANA and very nice to meet some Love Token Society members. I hope all the Love Token exhibits help promote our society.

Sincerely, Thomas Casper



**Thomas Casper receives 1st place plaque for Love Token exhibit at ANA**



**Coming Up!**

**55th New England  
Numismatic Association  
Annual Convention**

**October 30-31, 1999**

**Sheraton Waterbury Hotel  
Waterbury, CT**

## Vice President's Message: The ANA Show

Well, I made it to the ANA Show. Neither wind nor rain nor sleet, nor snow, as they say, kept me away. Actually, it was a great feat as I was suffering from acute bronchitis. My husband left for the show on Monday, while I stayed home and went to the doctor for the second time. I hated the idea of missing the show, so I flew up to Chicago on Friday.

Normally I hunt for love tokens first, but knowing I was so late coming to the show I assumed I had missed most of the good ones. It was nice to see four love token exhibits, allowing Sid Gale to get his certification for judging LT exhibits. Congrats to Sid! One exhibit in particular caught my eye. It was by Tom Casper and it was spectacular. The exhibit was on gold love tokens and contained most gold type coins (including a Clark & Gruber 2 1/2 dollar territorial coin). Not only was the exhibit comprehensive, but the quality of engraving was outstanding. It included enamel, gold overlay (tricolor in one case), cut downs, jeweled, pictorials, and jewelry.

Sid was also very impressed with this exhibit. In fact, he said he was going to have to find out who the exhibitor was, and sign them up in LTS. As it turned out, Tom has been collecting longer than Sid or I, and has been a member of LTS longer than either of us. Sid was successful, however, in finding some people who were not already members to sign up. It was three or four the last time I had talked to him. That seems to be the most new members the society recruits at the major shows.

The LTS meeting was Saturday morning. The members in attendance introduced themselves before the meeting started. We went around in a circle and stated our names; where we were from; and how long we had been collecting. It is nice to get to know one another and put faces behind the names. There were ten or more members in attendance and one that came by to say hello, but couldn't stay due to a conflict. This was actually a good turn out, as I have been to some meetings where there was very low attendance.

Sid opened the meeting by noting it was difficult to run the booth on his own. This is always a problem. Members attending the show can volunteer their help behind the booth. This is a great help and much appreciated. Unfortunately, I work with my husband behind our own booth at the shows (World Coin & jewelry Exchange). I had mentioned this to Sid before I ran for office, since I felt badly I would not be able to assist him at the LTS booth. He brought up something that had not occurred to me. Although FUN and ANA conflicts with my work, I can still promote LTS from my table at these shows and all the other shows I do during the year. This provides LTS with a lot of exposure. And I do mention the club to everyone who goes through my LT box, as well as dealers that sell love tokens at the shows. Last FUN show the club did not get a booth, but I was able to sign up four members from my table.

The problem of tending a booth is difficult to solve. Lloyd Entenmann (our past president) spent a lot of money and time working the LTS booth. I mentioned years ago that it was unfair for the officers that worked the booth to have to bear the economic hardship. Although the club can not afford to pay these expenses, I suggested some form of monetary assistance.

Sid and his wife Judy managed to tend the table mostly by themselves. To make it workable Sid left a note on the table when he was gone. It stated that he would check back on the hour to answer questions. This seemed to work since there was a LT display in the case by Bill Fivaz (some very nice pictorials), and LTS literature on the table. This gave Sid time for certification/judging of LT exhibits, and time to look for love tokens on the sales floor. There may come a time when it is not feasible to maintain a booth.

At the meeting, Sid brought up two other ways to promote the society. One would be a LTS owned exhibit that could be mailed to any show that it is requested. One member at the meeting suggested that we could also have a generic exhibit, where a member would show his own coins. They would use headings and literature provided by LTS. Sid's second idea was the possibility of having a web page for LTS. To close the meeting, the LTS members had a little show and tell of items they had brought. Then it was back to the show to hunt for more love tokens.

Sid bought an enameled dollar at the show that I would have liked. And I bought a flying eagle cent he wanted. Neither of us were willing to part with our finds. I found the show to be lacking of pictorial and really neat love tokens. There were however plenty of initials to go around. The highlight of the show was that gold love token exhibit. Too bad exhibits are never displayed with price tags!

*Sincerely, Carol Harmes*

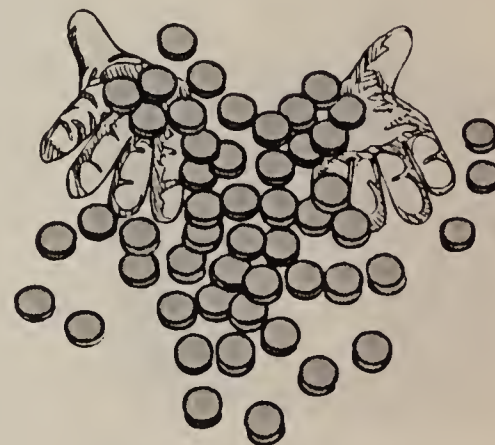




# A Love Token Collector Makes Some Observations

- ☒ It's fun being viewed as the love token expert in the local coin clubs to which I belong. (I'm also the only collector, which makes it easier.)
- ☒ Some coin dealers give me a strange or blank look when I say, "Do you have any love tokens?" Or maybe it's just my imagination.
- ☒ You feel good when people give you a love token because they know that you collect them. This behavior is exhibited in many fields of numismatics.
- ☒ Sometimes coin dealers will lower the price of a love token when I cite the prices of items sold in our newsletter.
- ☒ Having been an officer and a newsletter editor for several other organizations, I can appreciate the work that our officers do for our club.
- ☒ When I explain to people what love tokens are, they seem genuinely interested. Or maybe it's just my imagination.
- ☒ I've never met another love token collector face to face. That will change in 2000 when I go to the ANA convention.
- ☒ Of all the hobby newsletters that I receive, the Love letter has the most appropriate title.
- ☒ People seem to enjoy love token exhibits. Or maybe that's just my imagination.
- ☒ For me, love tokens are more fun to collect than coins because I don't have to concern myself with assembling a complete set. I just buy what I like.
- ☒ I hear that interest is growing in our hobby, yet our club membership is lower than when I joined in January 1996. This is not my imagination.
- ☒ I sometimes buy a piece at a coin show with the sole intention of selling it in the Love letter, not because I can make a financial killing and retire early to southern France, but because I know someone in our club would like to own it.
- ☒ I wrote this page because I want to contribute to the newsletter and this is all that I know on the subject!

**By Ernie Turnes**



## *Love Letter*

**Love Token Society Newsletter**



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# Love Letter

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## Letter from the President – Sid Gale

Check out [ <http://lovetokensociety.homepage.com> ] when you have some spare time. That is the URL of our new Love Token Society web page. At least it is the beginning of it and is by no means complete yet. I need pictures of **YOUR** favorite love tokens to put on it. Send me a picture of your favorite love token or love token jewelry and I will put it on the page. When the viewer goes to the page he can, first, learn: "What Are Love Tokens?". Second, the viewer can learn about the Love Token Society [LTS] and how to join. Third, LTS members display their favorite love tokens and love token jewelry. Fourth, some of the love tokens for sale in the current LoveLetter will be shown to entice people to join the LTS. This is your page and an opportunity for you to share your love tokens with the world, so please send pictures of some of your love tokens.

I have not had any volunteers to help work on the Love Token Society noncompetitive exhibit for our members to place in their local coin shows. It is a very simple, easy to do, cost effective way to advertise the Love Token Society. When requested the exhibit materials will be sent to any member either, with or without, the love tokens included as requested. Those members desiring to place their own love tokens in the exhibit can do so by requesting the exhibit without coins and placing theirs in the appropriate places.

I have put a few love tokens on eBay the past few weeks and it has been very interesting. Generally it has been fun but not really that profitable. It is less expensive to place a love token in our LoveLetter. Plus, an average item in the LoveLetter will probably sell at or above the price that you will receive on eBay. I suspect that the choicer items may get better prices on eBay but I haven't tested that market as of yet.

The FUN show in Orlando is rapidly approaching. We have not had any volunteers to man a booth there so we will not have one again this year. It is a shame because, in my opinion, the FUN show is an exceptionally nice, and very well attended show. We will have a meeting there and I will announce the time and date in the December LoveLetter. It will probably be on Friday afternoon. However, there is an area near the Club booths where we can place information and advertise LTS, and we will do so.

Any members headed to Orlando for the show are requested to let me know. It would be fun to arrange an evening for a group of us to go out to dinner. We did this in Orlando last year and also at the ANA show in Chicago and both were very enjoyable and interesting evenings.

- Sid Gale

<http://lovetokensociety.homepage.com>

Now you can check out  
the Love Token Society  
on the Web!





## Welcome New Members!

971 Sheila Petelis  
57 Nahant Ave.  
Revere, MA 02151

972 MaryLou Esterline  
637 Stinson Drive  
Columbus, OH 43214

### Letter to the Editor

Enclosed is an enamelled 1787 shilling which, if not exactly a love token, might be of interest to one of your members.

There were just over 115 each obverse and reverse dies employed in striking some 760,000 1787 shillings of both types. I hope to identify about half of the dies as part of a study of minting methods at the Royal Mint before the advent of steam machinery.

As an adjunct, the study will include a survey of the extra-currency usage of these shillings: enamelled, punch-marked, looped, and even one altered to give poor old George III a horn.

I would very much like to include one engraved as a love token. The 1787 obverse design is distinctive enough so that even if the reverse with the date is erased, it still could be identified. If not for sale, I would be pleased to pay for quality photographs of both sides with permission to publish.

My only other interest in engraved coins, aka love tokens, is the pre-1800 Maundy Money series. These are for my personal collection and may or may not ever be published so I would only be interested in purchasing- not photos.

I do not want to just sell the enameled coin- just in trading or as part-trade in buying a shilling and/or Maundy piece.

Thank you in advance for any help you can give.

Sincerely,

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4509 49th Street, N.W.  
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202-244-1810

### Mail Bid Sale Prices Realized — Last Sale (July 1999)

G-1: \$34.00	E-4: \$42.00	C-1: \$31.00
G-1: \$32.00	E-5: \$57.00	G-4: \$60.00
G-3: \$35.00	E-6: \$20.00	C-2: \$88.00
E-1: \$125.00	E-7: \$71.00	C-3: \$67.00
E-2: \$23.00	E-8: \$29.00	E-9: \$68.00
E-3: \$15.00		

## Financial Statement

### General Funds

Balance July 31, 1999 \$6,520.34

### Receipts

Membership dues	10.00
New members	20.00
Interest (Bank Account) - August	6.03
September	6.72

Total Receipts 42.75

Subtotal \$6,563.09

### Expenses

Check #343 - U.S. Post Office (misc. postage)	5.29
Check #344 - U.S. Post Office (inquiry mailings)	18.95

Total Expenses \$24.24

Balance September 30, 1999 \$6,538.85

Permanent Fund - Audubon Savings & Loan Association  
1 year certificate of deposit \$655.50

Membership Report  
Membership - July 31, 1999 202  
New members 1

Membership as of July 31, 1999 203

**Barbara Newhouse - Secretary/Treasurer**

## Important Reminder: Love Token Meeting at NENA

Meeting at **Sheraton Waterbury Hotel** located in **Waterbury, CT** from **10 a.m. to noon on October 30, 1999.** (Exit 26 off of Route 84 in Connecticut.)

### AGENDA:

- What is a love token and Love Token Society overview by George Bilodeau
- Free love token informational handouts, copies of past Love Token Society newsletters, applications for membership, love token display
- Copies of "How to Collect Love Tokens" article by Carol Harnes
- Open to LTS members and public- bring your favorite love token(s) to show & tell
- Forum and group discussion of what members would like at future NENA LTS meetings

**See You There!**



# Vice President's Message: To Be or Not To Be?

The question, "What constitutes a love token?" is occasionally asked, but never comprehensively answered. According to Lloyd Entenmann, author of Love Token as Engraved Coins, and past LTS president extraordinaire, love tokens are on a coin of the realm and engraved by hand. This is a great one line answer, but I am going to attempt to explore the question more fully.

What happens when a coin is engraved on two sides? Most of the early English pieces were done this way. They were made in the late 1700's and were engraved on low value copper coins. It is difficult to know for sure that all of these pieces were made from coins. These coins were made with plain edges, and thus provide no evidence on the rim. Also, the weight of the coins are altered when smoothed down and engraved. I don't believe any of this matters to the collector though, as the pieces are charming and commonly accepted by all. I must add here that the English refer to these pieces as engraved coins. It is Americans that coined the term love token.

In America, dimes are the most commonly engraved coins. Many of the pictorials that people love are also engraved on two sides. One for a scene and the other for initials or the name of the giver. It is common practice to believe that if it has a reeded edge then it is engraved on a coin. The spacing of the reeding can vary though. This may indicate a foreign coin or in some cases I believe the reeding may have been added to silver disks. I have a few where the top loop looks to be fabricated with the piece rather than soldered on. Although they also have reeding, this supports the theory that it can be added. I do not feel this was commonly done as it would require special machinery.

What if the same dime size coin has a smooth edge, suggesting a silver disk? Purists may not care for these, but other collectors do not mind as long as the piece is attractive. It is up to the collector to decide what suits them. Again, there may be a small percent of these that are real coins. I have a couple of love tokens where the reeding is almost gone and barely visible. This may have occurred by extreme wear or maybe a different kind of smoothing down process. One step more of whatever happened to my coins would have produced a smooth edge. Often the price of a pictorial love token with no reeding will be a little lower than if it had been reeded. Lower prices are always appealing. In any case, most of the love tokens engraved on two sides are of the period; visually presented as coins; engraved by hand; and served the same purpose. I believe they should be considered love tokens.

Now let us take a look at what I call semi-related categories. This listing includes organizations, seals, military, medals, and blanks. These in a broad sense can be considered love tokens. The organizations (Masonic, Odd Fellows), which are hand engraved on coins, meet the broad definition. The same is true of seals which are hand engraved on coins. Military

pieces can be quite decorative with exotic far away scenes. These coins may have been engraved for loved ones or even the officer himself as a fond remembrance.

Medals are a little different when the engraving is not on a coin. I have an early French military medal which has been planed down and has "In memory of" enameled in black. The quality of engraving and enameling is very nice and this piece expresses string sentiments. I believe this is a love token even though it is not on a coin. Medals which would not so easily apply would be those designed with a blank area expressly for engraving a name. These names would also be engraved with meritous information. There are also awards engraved on coins. These fit Lloyd's definition, but aren't true love tokens to the purist. Blanks, where one side of the coin is still visible and a border is engraved on the smooth side, also fit the broad definition. These were intended to be engraved later with initials.

There are categories of love tokens which can also encompass related areas. These are names, pictorial/ people, and enameled. In regard to names, I have a few pieces which I believe were used for different purposes. The first is a Civil War token with a name and town engraved. This piece has a large crude hole at the top and may have been worn as a dog tag. I also have a silver coin with a name and address engraved. It too has a hole and may have been used as a luggage tag. There are very ornate sterling luggage tags from the Victorian era. This may have been a less costly version, although it would be impossible to prove.

As for pictorials engraved with people, this can overlap into hobo nickels and potty dollars. In the case of enameled coins, many are engraved with initials or names, but some are just replicas of English coins. The latter, in a broad sense can be considered a love token, for it is done by hand and on a coin of the realm.

The last category is hand versus machine engraving. Sadly, hand engraving is a dying art. If we want the tradition of love tokens to continue we must revive hand engraving or accept machine engraving. Unfortunately, hand engraving is a lengthy job; requires a skilled and trained hand; and is quite expensive to have done (if you can even find someone to do it). I have accepted some machine engraving in my late date type coins. This was the only way I could fill some of the modern coinage holes in my type book. I have thought about having some of the modern clad coins engraved for my book, but then they would not have the special sentiments that went along with them by the giver. It seemed a little like cheating.

In brief, collect what you like and buy what you want. Belief in the above information can vary with each individual collector. I divide love tokens into

true love tokens and semi-related categories. These semi-related ones are accepted by some to be love tokens and denied by others. I feel they are love tokens in a broad sense.

*Sincerely, Carol Harmes*



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## A Lost Address

By Ernie Turnes

When we come across a love token that we like or one that we think is unusual, we sometimes wonder about the story behind it. Whose initials were those? What is the significance of the date? Why that scene or picture?

Most of the time we can only wonder or speculate. But on rare occasions there is enough information to permit us to begin a little research. For me, that occurred in November 1997 when I purchased an 1857 U.S. quarter inscribed Carlos L Ayres / No 63 / Bristol St / New Haven Ct. I was interested in the piece for two reasons. Ayres is the name of a good friend and fellow collector, though not from Connecticut, and it was the first (and so far only) love token I had seen with a complete name and address.

Soon after the purchase I wrote to Bob Newhouse wondering if any of our members might know anything about the address. My letter appeared in the December 1997 issue of the Love letter, but there were no responses. I also wrote to the address in New haven, asking for information about the Ayres family or the address. Do the Ayres still live there? Is 63 Bristol St. a residence? A store? An office building? Again, I received no response. Since my letter was not returned I thought the folks at 63 Bristol may not have wanted to write to me.

Then, in July of this year it occurred to me to write to the Postmaster in new haven, asking about the Ayres family and the address. This time I did get a response, but not quite the one that I was hoping for. The Postmaster told me that the letter carriers who deliver to Bristol St., both in New Haven and in West Haven, do not have a 63 Bristol St. on their routes nor do they deliver mail to any families with the last name Ayres.

Now, not only am I still in the dark about Carlos Ayres and 63 Bristol St., but also I'm puzzled about how an address disappears. And what happened to my first letter? In other words, I have more questions now than before I started!



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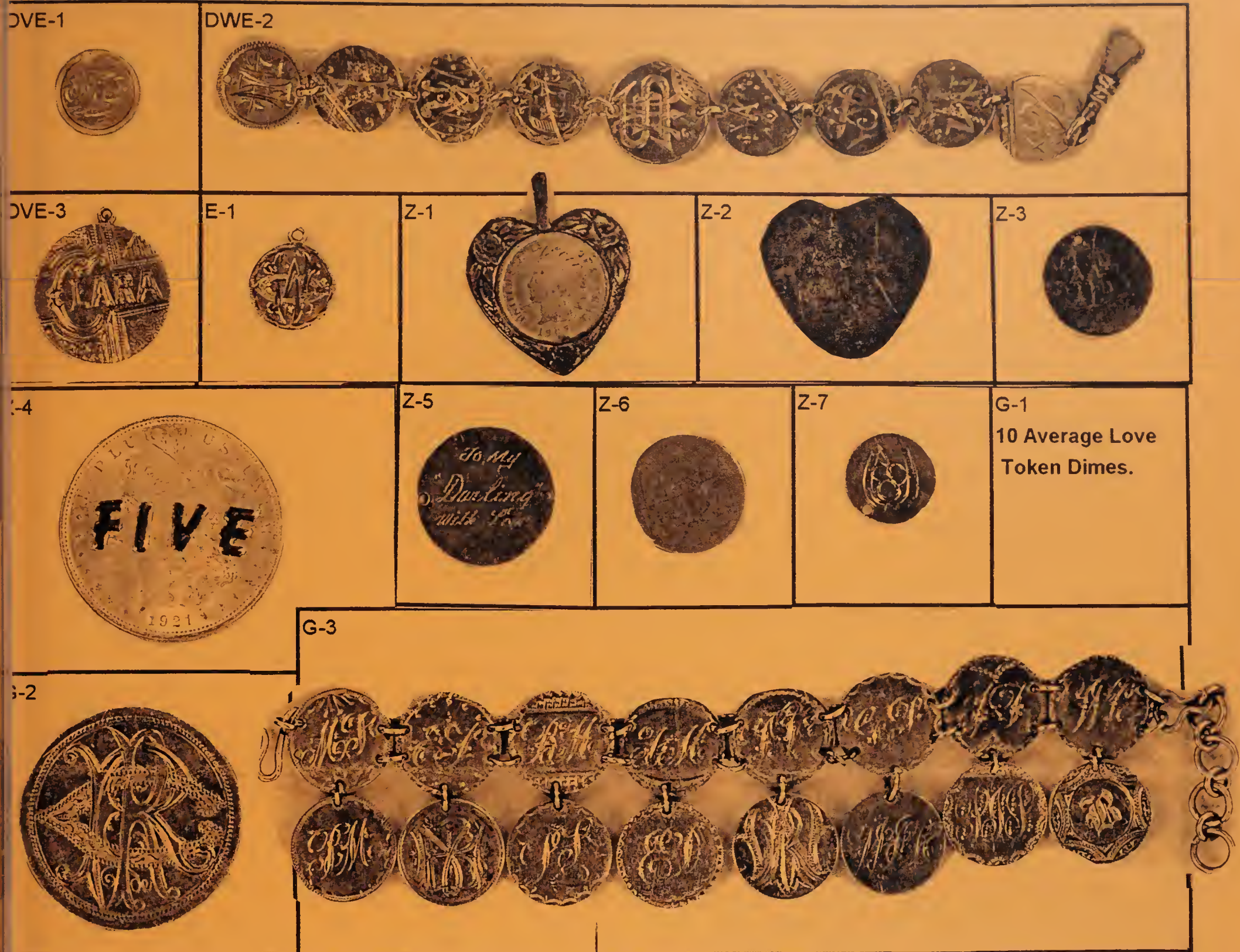


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DVE-1 "Dins." Engraved on a Type 3, U.S. \$1.00 gold.  
DVE-2 Bracelet or watch fob with 2 Bust half dimes, 6 L.S. half dimes and 1 L.S. dime. "ECP", "IMW", "WSS", "AHM", "BMS 21", "RAD", "WWR", "KP" and "LWF". This is exceptionally nice. Each piece has a border and many have smaller decorative engravings.  
DVE-3 "Clara", on a Canadian 25c. Very nice.  
E-1 "WC" / "April 20, 1891", on a 10k gold disk.  
Z-1 1907 Indian cent set in a metal heart pendant.  
Z-2 GB Penny cut in shape of a heart. No engraving.  
Z-3 "IB" with a "Lighthouse on cliff" on a silverplated 1890 Indian cent.

Z-4 "FIVE" inlaid in gold letters in AU 1921 U.S. Silver Dollar. Was it for gambling?  
Z-5 "To My Darling With Love" GB 25c size.  
Z-6 "W.M. Lee Found It" scratched on a very worn Shield 5c.  
Z-7 "Horseshoe and 3 leaf Clover", Canada 10c.  
G-1 10 average Love Token Dimes  
G-2 "RREC" intertwined on a U.S. Morgan Dollar.  
G-3 Bracelet with 16 very nicely engraved dimes: "MS", "PM", "ES", "MB", "BM", "LS", "FM", "ED", "VV", "RLW", "GP", "HTR", "TD", "PJS", "WC", and "B". Quality Bracelet.



# Love Token Sales

We did not have any love tokens for sale in the last issue of the Loveletter. I was waiting for some new ones to come in. Here are three pages of love tokens offered for sale at the prices indicated and one page being sold by auction/mail bid. If you see something that you want, I suggest that you call and I will reserve it for you if it is still available. If you get my answering machine just tell me what ones you want and I will reserve them for you also. This is the busy part of the art & craft show business so I will be hard to catch on weekends.

For the benefit of those of you just getting familiar with love tokens, the following comments may help. If you are looking for particular initials or letters on a love token and you see the correct letters but they are not listed in the correct sequence—look very carefully at the engraving to see if the letters could be read the way you want them to be. LoveTokens with intertwined letters are sometimes difficult to decipher. The sequence of the letters can often be interpreted or read more than one way. Give me a call if you are not sure and I will be happy to look at it again.

**LOVE TOKEN MAIL BID SALE CLOSES at 8:00 P.M. [CST] Thursday, November 4, 1999**

## TERMS OF SALE

1. No buyers fee. Seller pays \$.50 per coin sold.
2. Sellers may place a reserve bid.
3. All winning bids over \$15.00 will be reduced to approximately 10% above the second highest bid. No bids under \$15.00 will be reduced.
4. All bids must be received by 8:00 PM CST on the closing date (Thursday, November, 4, 1999). Phone bids are encouraged, but the only information given will be the second highest bid.
5. Winning bidders will be notified by mail. Buyer must add sufficient postage & insurance with payment.

## Abbreviations and Terms Used:

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| • Ger. - Germany                  | • intwd - intertwined | • ____//____ - engraving on both sides   |
| • GB - Great Britain              | • Cop - copper        | • C/S - Counterstamp                     |
| • Engraved Letters Are Underlined |                       | • Grade - Standard ANA on the coin side. |

## Ordering Love Tokens

Please make checks payable to:

**Sid Gale**

**P.O. Box 970**

**Mandeville, LA 70470**

**(504) 626-3867**

In remitting, please do not forget to include the postage as follows:  
Orders up to \$50.00 add \$1.50;  
up to \$100.00, add \$2.75;  
up to \$150.00, add \$3.50;  
up to \$200.00, add \$4.50;  
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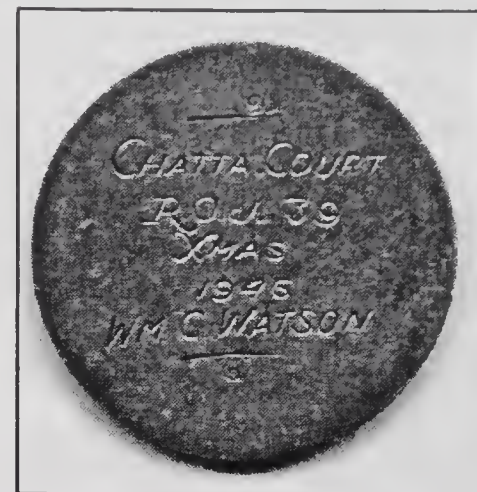


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Mary Hammel  
Manhattan, KS



### A Holiday Message from President Sid Gale



As each of you read your Christmas Love Letter think of how Christmas was in the days when love tokens were popular. I have two Christmas related love tokens in my collection (above). The first, is a 1871 Liberty Seated Silver Dollar that has "Jessie C Grant" "Christmas 1871" engraved on it. Considering that a man received only 10c a day working at his trade, a silver dollar was a very expensive gift. The second is on a 1922 Peace Dollar. Engraved on it is "Chatta. Court — R.O.J. 39 — Xmas 1946 — WM. C. WATSON". How many of the love tokens in our collections were given to someone special at Christmas ????

Love Tokens were a very special gift in those days. Imagine how happy the recipients of the pieces in your collection must have been when they received them on Christmas Day. If those things could "talk" I'll bet they could tell some stories.

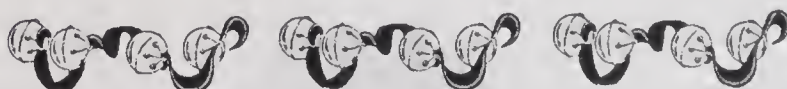
Carol Harmes, once again, has written an in-depth article that, hopefully, will "stir up" some comments and suggestions. If you have other suggestions to add to her comments please send a copy to Barbara Newhouse to publish in the next Love Letter. We will also send a copy to Carol so she can provide additional comments. If you disagree with something your comments are requested as well.

Fun time is coming soon!!!!!! The FUN show will be January 6 through January 9th at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida. Our Love Token Society meeting will be held on Friday, January 7, at 3:00 p.m. in Room 311F. Bring your favorite love tokens to the meeting. The highlight of these meetings, in my opinion, is meeting each other face to face and "sharing our collections" with each other. Also, if you plan to attend the show please give me a call. I would like to arrange an informal "get-together" for dinner on either Friday or Saturday evening.

The mail bid sale closes after the FUN show. Those attending the show will have the opportunity to look at the pieces "in person".

Our web site is developing slowly but surely. If you haven't seen it, take a look at: [<http://lovetokensociety.homepage.com>] when you have a few moments. Thanks to the members who have e-mailed pictures of their love tokens to add to the site. If you have pictures of some of your favorite love tokens available— please send them. I have put the love tokens in the mail bid sale on the site so that you can study them closer if you so desire.

I apologize for the delay in publication of the Love Letter several times this past year. I have had "time available conflicts" with my business and have submitted the coin sale pages a



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## Reinstated Members

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115 Campbell  
Geneva, IL 60134

## Letter to the Editor

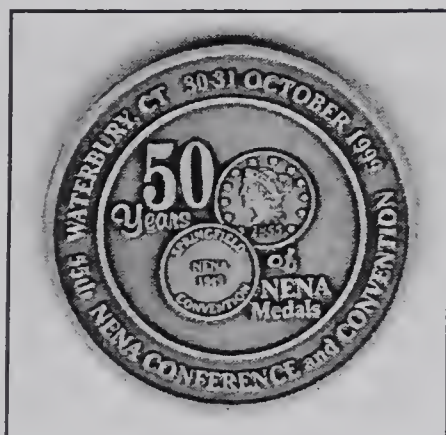
### NENA Report-

I was all set up with handouts, free newsletters, exhibit, and slide presentation "The Autobiography of a Love Token" which I bought from Bill Fivaz. I was really disappointed with the turnout. I really was hoping to get 20-25 people so I guess my expectations were too high- especially after having a "loud" crowd last year.

I would like to continue doing this, even though it is a lot of work. I do have a NENA medal for the Love Token archives and would like to thank all who supported me again. Special thanks to Barbara Newhouse for sending letters, also special thanks to Carol Harmes for allowing copying and distribution of her article.

Respectfully submitted,

**George A. Bilodeau, Jr.**



**1999 NENA Medal**



### Mail Bid Sale Prices Realized — Last Sale (October, 1999)

DVE-1: \$52.00	Z-2: \$10.00	Z-7: \$19.00
DVE-2: \$110.00	Z-3: \$33.00	G-1: \$60.00
DVE-3: \$30.00	Z-4: \$24.00	G-2: \$100.00
E-1: \$17.00	Z-5: \$30.00	G-3: \$209.00
Z-1: \$20.00	Z-6: \$10.00	

## Financial Statement

General Funds		
Balance September 30, 1999		\$6,538.85
Receipts		
Reinstated members		20.00
Interest (Bank Account) -	October	8.87
Total Receipts		28.87
Subtotal		<u>\$6,567.72</u>
Expenses		
Check #345 - Kinko's		70.18
(duplication- LTS #184)		
Check #346 - U.S. Post Office		66.00
(postage- LTS #184)		
Check #347 - IMC		54.99
(graphic work- LTS #184)		
Check #348 - Kinko's		122.65
(duplication- LTS #185)		
Check #349 - U.S. Post Office		33.00
Total Expenses		<u>\$346.82</u>
Balance November 30, 1999		\$6,220.90
Permanent Fund - Audubon Savings & Loan Association		
1 year certificate of deposit		\$655.50
Membership Report		
Membership - September 30, 1999		203
Reinstated members		<u>2</u>
Membership as of November 30, 1999		205

**Barbara Newhouse - Secretary/Treasurer**

### President's Holiday Message continued from page 1

few days late. Preparing the love tokens for publication is a little time consuming but very rewarding. It is rewarding because you have the opportunity to look at and study several hundred love tokens each year. I feel that I have learned a lot about the availability and values of love tokens and have a much greater appreciation for the exceptionally nicer pieces. Most importantly, I have had the opportunity to talk to many of you each month. If you are interested in assuming the responsibilities of the love token sales and mail bid sales please step forward. I have done it by hand and with the computer. Access to a computer, with e-mail and a spread sheet capability such as Excel, is almost a "must".

I sincerely hope that this letter finds you having a very Happy Holidays.

- Sid Gale

<http://lovetokensociety.homepage.com>





# The Care, Cleaning, and Storage of Love Tokens

This message goes out to those (you know who you are!) who throw their love tokens into boxes and bags right after purchasing them. Then no special attention is paid to storage or organization. Proper care, cleaning, and storage of love tokens will preserve them better for you and future generations. It will also allow you better enjoyment of your love tokens to see them in their best condition and arranged in some order.

### Wear

Caring for love tokens encompasses handling, cleaning and storage of a collection. I know that wearing is part of enjoying a collection. However, wearing means that you can put wear on the love tokens as well. Bracelets are most prone to damaging wear. Jewelry on the wrist and hands bangs around a lot more than jewelry around the neck or ears. Every time jewelry hits a hard object, it can produce tiny nicks and dull the finish. Charm bracelets are the worst for wear because they not only hit other objects, but the charms are constantly in contact with each other. Bracelets should be worn more sparingly.

### Cleaning

Love tokens can tone and darken through the years. This can make the engraving more difficult to see and enjoy. I recommend moderate cleaning of mainly silver love tokens. They should be cleaned once and then stored to prevent future toning. DO NOT clean love tokens repeatedly because detail will be lost over time.

To clean silver love tokens, dip the token in a coin cleaner (I use "Jeweluster"). If the toning is light, the shine will come up quickly; but if it is heavily toned the process will take longer. You may rub a heavily toned love token with your finger or soft tooth brush and re-dip until the tarnish is removed. The shortest time necessary in the coin dip is the best for the coin. The submersion time may vary from five seconds to thirty seconds. It is not always necessary to get the whole coin shiny. Sometimes black left in the engraved area is attractive, as it gives contrast to the engraving.

Immediately rinse the love token in

RUNNING water after dipping in the coin cleaner. A thorough rinsing is important to get all the chemical residue off the coin. Then blot the coin dry between paper towels. DO NOT rub with the towels because it can produce small scratches on the surface of the love token. In most cases this should be sufficient to clean your love tokens.

However, if the toning was too dark and the coin left in the cleaner too long, it may come out looking a dull medium gray. This can happen also if the coin was cleaned on numerous past occasions or if the love token was heavily worn. In these cases use a jeweler's polishing cloth (NOT a buffing wheel) on the engraved side only and polish lightly to restore the shine. Polish only when really necessary. If polishing is done frequently, the engraving will not be as crisp and will lose detail.

On rare occasions a love token may have raised corrosion spots. Soaking gold or silver love tokens in lemon juice, then rinsing in water may help to remove these spots.

The majority of love tokens are made from silver coins, so this cleaning process covers most pieces. However, some are made from gold, nickel, and copper coins. Gold is not a problem as it generally gets prettier with age. If cleaning is desired, these coins can be dipped like the silver ones.

When a nickel love token is dark, that means it is corroded and nothing can be done for it. Even if there were a chemical to lighten it, the corrosion penetrates the surface. If the nickel has a light film, it can be rubbed with a soft flannel cloth.

Copper is also difficult to work with, since it darkens with age. Copper cleaners may lighten the token, but they turn the copper an unnatural color. It is best not to tamper with the color; just leave it dark. A soft flannel cloth can also be used.

Some collectors add oil to the copper surface to remove dulling residue, thus making the token more lustrous. I have heard of people using olive oil. I also talked to a person who used baby oil instead, because he said there were some acids in olive oil.

Instead of cleaning copper, for contrast, some collectors add white chalk powder to the cracks of the engraving to make the engraving visible.

The above cleaning process will not be effective for tape, glue, or lacquer residue. Soaking in acetone will remove these from all types of love tokens.

### Storage

Once cleaned, it is important to store love tokens properly to prolong the shine. Storing them air tight in low humidity away from sunlight is preferable. Beware of holders or albums which contain polyvinyl chloride (PVC). This is a soft plastic which can break down on coins, leaving a greenish slime which over time can etch the surface of the tokens.

Paper envelopes are not advisable because they contain sulfur which will darken coins eventually. However, they may be used to tone down a copper coin which has been cleaned improperly.

The fancy cardboard coin albums with plastic slide out pages may be used and are nice for viewing a collection. A minor drawback is that these albums can darken the edges of love tokens over time.

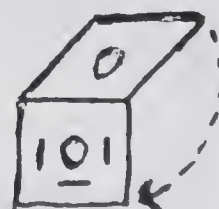
I find that the best method for storage are "2x2"s and double row storage boxes. Double row boxes take up less room in a safe deposit box or safe than coin albums.

There are a few tricks to using "2x2"s. First, when removing a love token from an existing "2x2", be very careful not to scratch the love token on the staples. Staples are sharp and can gouge a line across the token. After remounting the love token, use a pair of pliers to crimp down the staples. Raised staples can scratch the coin or the outer plastic, letting in air and toning the love token.

Figures 1 and 2 show two different methods for stapling 2x2s. By remounting

**Figure 1.**  
**Clipping of 2x2**

Fold, staple, and crimp on the three open sides.



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## The Care, Cleaning, and Storage of Love Tokens continued

**Figure 2.**  
**Clipping of 2x2**

Folded side is placed on the bottom. Two staples are placed on each side. This leaves the top open so the coin may be removed for exhibiting or photographing.

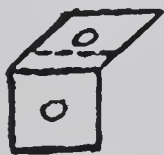


your collection, you can write pertinent information on the holders. The collection will be uniform, with the same handwriting, ink color, and location of information. Viewing the collection is more pleasurable and less distracting this way.

To store a collection in some orderly fashion, make dividers from "2x2"s (Figure 3) and write headings on each one.

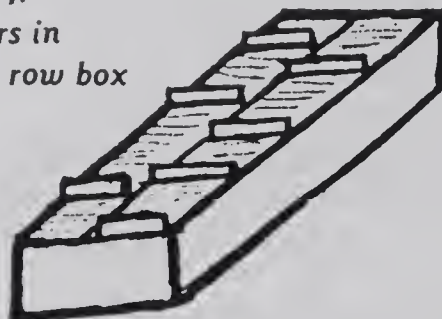
**Figure 3.**  
**Divider with heading**

Cut on dotted line to reveal a flap 1/3 of an inch high. Write the heading on this flap.



A list of headings can be obtained from the Love Letter volume #183 in the article, "A Guide for Collecting Love Tokens." Dividers are places in the double row box (Figure 4) to separate categories.

**Figure 4.**  
**Dividers in double row box**



Dividers are hinged and will fold down when the box is closed.

These dividers facilitate viewing and retrieval of specific pieces without having to sort through the whole collection. Now that you have all the information, all that is needed is a lot of time.

Good luck!

*Sincerely, Carol Harmes*

## Letter to the Editor

Carol Harmes' wonderful "message" in the Sept/Oct '99 Love letter finally spurred me into sending this mention of a sword love token. I saw it on E-Bay nearly a year ago. Please see that Carol receives a copy and if you are interested, please feel free to use it in the Love Letter.

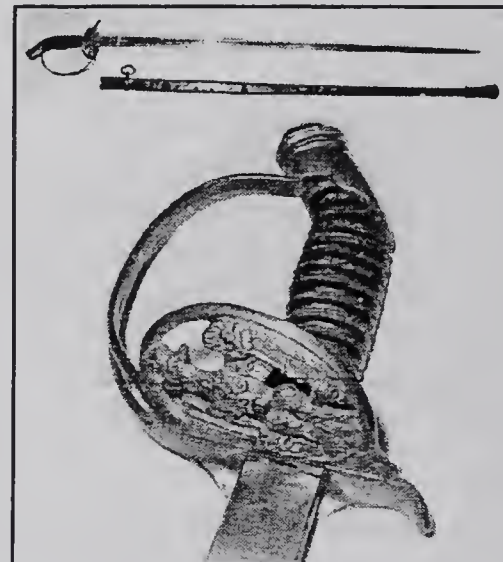
As for "commonly given as love tokens" - I've checked with some military folks and they have never heard of this as fact. Perhaps it existed in the recesses of some deep, dark military museum.

Enjoy the Love Letter-

*Rose Bloomfield*

## M1889 Prussian Officer's Sword Description from E-Bay:

Gilt steel hilt with about 20% remaining. Folding side guard with pierced Prussian eagle motif. 32" double fullered straight single edged blade marked "C.E." Blade is an even grey color. Cipher on compo grip is missing; these were commonly given as love tokens. Black scabbard has a number of dents and abrasions.



*From the Love Token  
Society Officers-*



*to you and  
your families*



## Are Love Tokens in Your Time Management Jar?

One day an expert in time management was speaking to a group of business students and to drive home a point, used an illustration those students will never forget.

As he stood in front of the group of high-powered over-achievers, he said, "Okay, time for a quiz," and he pulled out a one gallon wide mouth mason jar and set it on the table in front of him. He also produced about a dozen fist-sized rocks and carefully placed them, one at a time, into the jar. When the jar was filled to the top and no more rocks would fit inside, he asked, "is this jar full?"

Everyone in the class yelled, "Yes." The time management expert replied, "Really?" He reached under the table and pulled out a bucket of gravel. He dumped some of the gravel in and shook the jar, causing the pieces of gravel to work themselves down into the spaces between the rocks. He then asked the class once more if the jar was full.

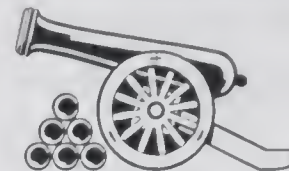
By this time the class was on to him and said, "Probably not." "Good," he replied. He reached under the table and brought out a bucket of sand and started dumping it into the jar. The sand went into all of the spaces left between the rocks and the gravel.

Once more he asked if the jar was full. "NO!" the class shouted. Once again he said, "Good!" and grabbed a pitcher of water and began to pour it into the jar until the jar was filled to the brim. Then he looked around the room and asked, "What is the point of this demonstration?" One eager beaver raised a hand and said, "The point is that no matter how full your schedule is, if you try really hard you can always fit some more in." "NO," the speaker replied, "that's not the point. The truth is that this demonstration teaches us that if you don't put the 'big rocks' in first, you'll never get them in at all. What are the 'big rocks' in your life? Time with our loved ones, your faith, your education, your dreams, a worthy cause, teaching or mentoring others. Remember to put these BIG ROCKS in first, or you'll never get them in at all. So tonight, or in the morning, when you are reflecting on this short story, ask yourself this question: What are the BIG ROCKS in my life? Then, put those in your jar first." Have a nice day everyone!

## Soldiers Engraved Coins for ID Discs

Many Confederates feared anonymous burial

An excerpt from *Coin World*



Fake Confederate ID discs are the subject of an article in the September issues of *The Virginia Numismatist*, published by the Virginia Numismatic Association.

Peter Bertram, editor of *The Confederate MBR Newsletter*, notes that soldiers fighting in the Civil War feared dying on a battlefield and being buried anonymously. At the time, neither army provided its troops with "dogtags," which were used in later wars.

Soldiers thus fashioned their own ID tags, many times out of U.S. coins. The soldiers would have their name and unit engraved on the piece, and wear them around their neck. Collectors cherish original Confederate ID badges that were actually worn by their owners during the war.

Bertram warns that counterfeiters have produced fake ID discs. The counterfeiters produce cast replicas of the tags, which bear a name and unit; they often research Confederate records beforehand to ensure the accuracy of the engraved information. They then sell the concoctions to unsuspecting collectors.

The counterfeits often can be distinguished from genuine ID discs by checking specifications. Cast replicas may differ in diameter and weight from the coins used in constructing original ID discs. The reeding found on 19th century silver coin, which was frequently used for the discs, may not appear on the edge of the cast replicas, Bertram writes. The cast pieces may also exhibit pitting.

The engraving on the counterfeits tends to be of high quality, Bertram warns. He notes that most original pieces he has examined were engraved CS rather than CSA, which is found more frequently on the fakes.

Counterfeit ID discs also tend to exhibit more circulation wear than original pieces. Bertram said most soldiers used relatively recent coins and wore them around their neck rather than pocket pieces, resulting in little additional wear.

Bertram illustrates fakes he has examined. Two are counterfeits of silver dollars; two are counterfeits of half dollars.

Bertram said the federal government has shown little interest in combatting the fakes, even though their production requires the production of counterfeit U.S. coins. He said government officials have responded to unofficial inquiries about the problem with the comment that the counterfeiting is too small scale to warrant government investigation.



### F.U.N. Show

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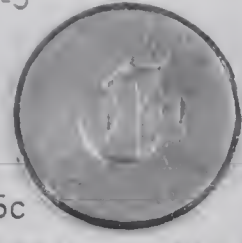
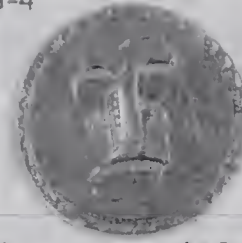
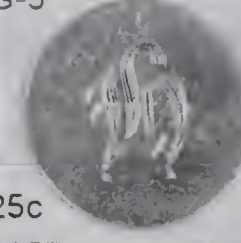






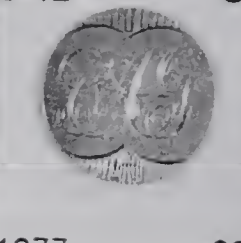
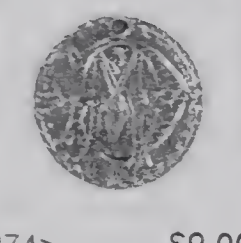

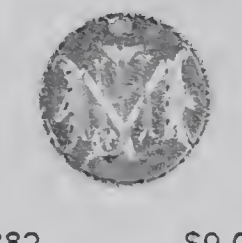
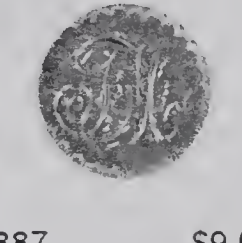
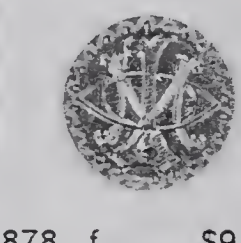


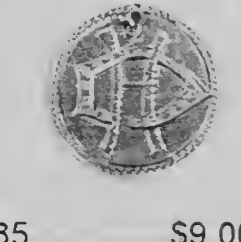
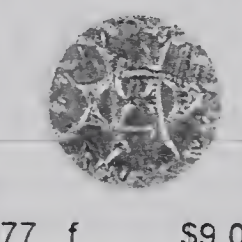
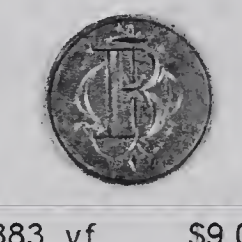
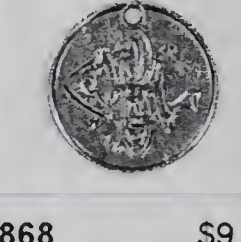
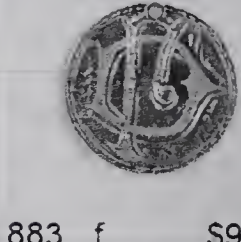
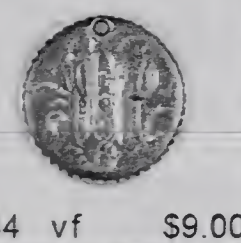
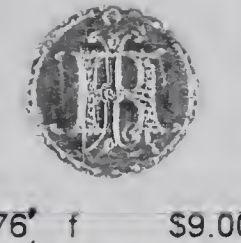
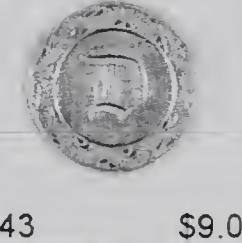
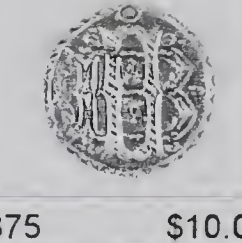
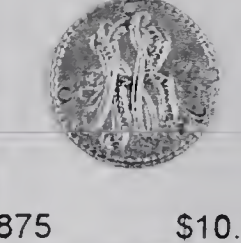
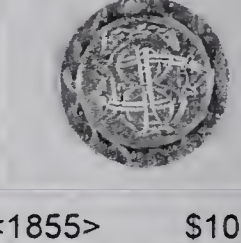
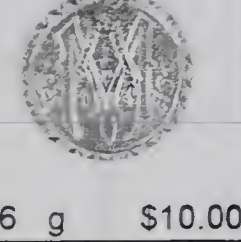
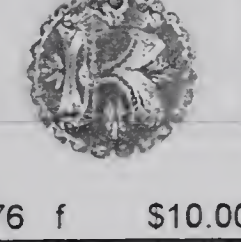
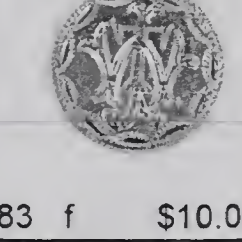
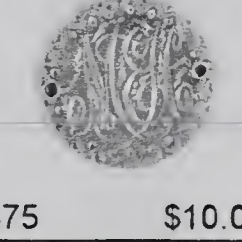
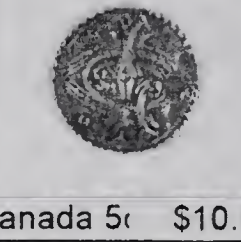
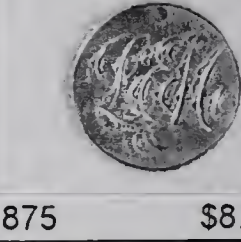
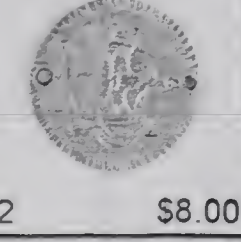
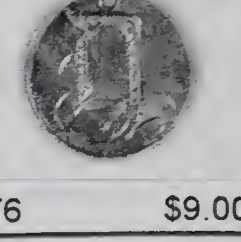
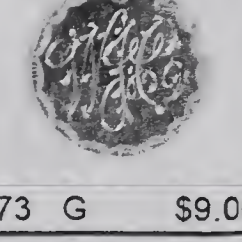

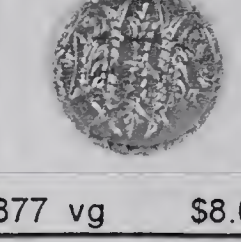
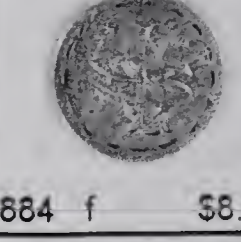
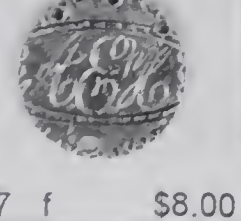
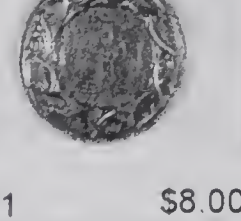



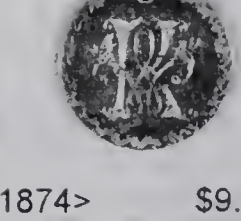
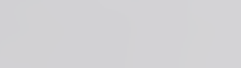
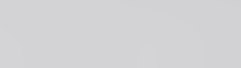
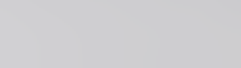
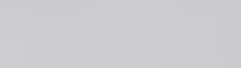

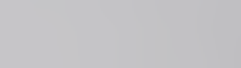
Love Token Society Meeting

Friday, January 7 - 3 p.m. - Room 311F

Bring and share your collection with others!



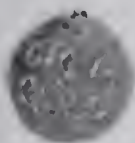


G-1  25c \$12.00	A G-2  25c \$12.00	B G-3  25c \$12.00	C G-4  25c \$12.00	E G-5  25c \$12.00	H G-6  25c \$12.00
G-7  25c \$12.00	M G-8  25c \$11.00	W G-9  25c \$12.00	W G-10  1/2 10c \$8.00	P G-11  25c \$8.00	S G-12  25c \$9.00
T-1  25c \$9.00	MD T-2  25c \$9.00	MHG T-3  25c \$9.00	JHM T-4  25c \$9.00	FM T-5  25c \$9.00	OML T-6  25c \$9.00
N.S. T-7  25c \$9.00	JN T-8  25c \$9.00	HD T-9  25c \$9.00	HD T-10  25c \$9.00	OJB T-11  25c \$9.00	BHC T-12  25c \$9.00
FD T-13  25c \$9.00	JPM T-14  25c \$9.00	HL T-15  25c \$9.00	D T-16  25c \$10.00	OB T-17  25c \$10.00	MR T-18  25c \$10.00
TOB T-19  25c \$10.00	AM T-20  25c \$10.00	RK T-21  25c \$10.00	JTW T-22  25c \$10.00	MEH T-23  25c \$10.00	LG T-24  25c \$8.00
LEM T-25  25c \$8.00	EEL T-26  25c \$9.00	D T-27  25c \$9.00	WJC T-28  25c \$9.00	FJJ T-29  25c \$8.00	WEH T-30  25c \$8.00
LSS T-31  25c \$8.00	AEH T-32  25c \$8.00	Prefab T-33  25c \$9.00	AT T-34  25c \$9.00	GB T-35  25c \$9.00	MV T-36  25c \$9.00
WK T-37  25c \$9.00	W T-38  25c \$9.00	W T-39  25c \$9.00	W T-40  25c \$9.00	W T-41  25c \$9.00	W T-42  25c \$9.00



CC-1

RL Z-1



\$1.00 gold

S-1



Z-2



Z-3



G-1



G-2



G-3



CC-1 "RS" engraved on the reverse side of a Type I U.S. gold dollar. Loop broken off.

Z-1 Watch Fob with five love tokens. Top to bottom: U.S. Silver 3c "U" ; British 5 cents 1886 "CSJ" ; 1873 3 Pence "RLB" British 1882 10c "BDJ"; and a 1887 6 Pence "FAJ". Very nice piece.

S-1 German coin or medal?? Finely engraved "Kunstler Ensemble Union M. P. 1891 / 92"

Z-2 "Carrie" elaborately engraved on a 1857 Canada 1 penny token.

Z-3 Mexican Peso. Both sides have been reworked. "Rays" have been cut radiating out from the eagle on one side. The other has been cut into another design. Both side are illustrated.

G-1 Working pin made from 6 U.S. L.S. Dimes: "SW" ; "FW" ; "IS" ; "CP" ; "MA" and "HM" on the bottom. All Liberty Seated Dimes

G-2 Bracelet with 9 dimes and 3 other pieces: "RBM" , "RL", German coin with one side blank, "SEY", "RP", "CSC 1884", "Ida", "GSH" on a 25c sized coin, "CSJ", "KCW", "POB" "MT" on a Indian cent. It appears that it was a bangle bracelet and it has been cut. It could easily be soldered if you wanted to.

G-3 Half Dollar sized coin, reeded edge, with Gold overlay letters on both sides. "JJA" on one side and "BDB" is on the other.



# Love Token Sales

Enclosed are two pages of love tokens. One page contains love tokens offered for sale at the prices indicated and one page is being sold by auction/mail bid. The mail bid will close after I return from the FUN show in Orlando. If you see something that you want, I suggest that you call and I will reserve it for you if it is still available. If you get my answering machine just tell me what ones you want and I will reserve them for you also.

For the benefit of those of you just getting familiar with love tokens, the following comments may help. If you are looking for particular initials or letters on a love token and you see the correct letters but they are not listed in the correct sequence— Look very carefully at the engraving to see if the letters could be read the way you want them to be. Love Tokens with intertwined letters are sometimes difficult to decipher. The sequence of the letters can often be interpreted or read more than one way. Give me a call if you are not sure and I will be happy to look at it again.

**LOVE TOKEN MAIL BID SALE CLOSES at 8:00 P.M. [CST] Thursday, January 20, 2000**

## TERMS OF SALE

1. No buyers fee. Seller pays \$.50 per coin sold.
2. Sellers may place a reserve bid.
3. All winning bids over \$15.00 will be reduced to approximately 10% above the second highest bid. No bids under \$15.00 will be reduced.
4. All bids must be received by 8:00 PM CST on the closing date (Thursday, January 20, 2000). Phone bids are encouraged, but the only information given will be the second highest bid.
5. Winning bidders will be notified by mail. Buyer must add sufficient postage and insurance with payment.

## Abbreviations and Terms Used:

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| • Ger. - Germany                  | • intwd - intertwined | • ____//____ - engraving on both sides   |
| • GB - Great Britain              | • Cop - copper        | • C/S - Counterstamp                     |
| • Engraved Letters Are Underlined |                       | • Grade - Standard ANA on the coin side. |

## Ordering Love Tokens

Please make checks payable to:

**Sid Gale**

**P.O. Box 970**

**Mandeville, LA 70470**

**(504) 626-3867**

In remitting, please  
do not forget to  
include the postage as follows:  
Orders up to \$50.00 add \$1.50;  
up to \$100.00, add \$2.75;  
up to \$150.00, add \$3.50;  
up to \$200.00, add \$4.50;  
up to \$300.00, add \$5.00;  
up to \$400.00, add \$7.00;  
over \$400.00, add \$8.75.

# Love Letter

**Love Token Society Newsletter**



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